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## SESSIONS RECORDS

Of the Liberty of St. Alban Division.

1770 to 1840.

WITH ADDENDA, 1758 TO 1798.

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## PREFACE.

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THE Calendar, now published, deals with the records of the liberty of St. Alban, of the County of Hertford.

These records were formerly deposited in the strong room in the Court House at St. Albans, and have now been removed to the County Strong Room at Hertford. They consist of Sessions Rolls, Minute Books, Order Books and a few volumes of miscellaneous character. The Sessions Rolls commence in the year 1784, and the Order Books in 1770. While the present Calendar was in course of compilation, a volume was discovered which deals with a period earlier than that dealt with by any of the regular series of documents, and this has been printed as an addendum on pages 63-92 of the present Calendar, and covers the years 1758-1798.

Since the year 1910, when the third volume of the Calendar to the Hertfordshire County Records was printed, no publication dealing with the records has been produced by the Hertfordshire County Council on account of the interruption to work of this nature caused by the war. The Council have not, however, been idle in this respect, and have carried out the necessary and useful work of arranging the documents committed to their charge, and in preparing calendars to the more important classes of records.

All the documents have now been collected together into the new strong room at Hertford with the exception of a few of minor importance which remain in the muniment room at the Shire Hall, Hertford. A class list of the entire collection has been prepared, all the documents have been flattened and placed in portfolios or boxes, and a manuscript calendar has been compiled relating to the Militia Records. The records of the Liberty are of so vast a nature that it has been found necessary to divide this calendar into two volumes, and when

the second volume has been published, the only documents of any general importance, which will not have been calendared, are the Sessions Order Books of the County. These books were not dealt with in the calendar to the County Sessions Rolls already published.

The Liberty of St. Alban originally comprised all that part of Hertfordshire owned by the Abbot of St. Albans, over which he had very full jurisdiction by virtue of numerous royal charters. It will perhaps not be out of place to refer briefly to the history of the Liberty, and to show how the power of the Abbot gained until the time of the dissolution, and how after that event the jurisdiction, although then in the Crown, had remained entirely separate from the county until the year 1874, when the two jurisdictions were merged together.

Early Saxon and Norman kings, by their charters granted to the Abbot of St. Albans very full liberties and jurisdiction over the territory he held, to the exclusion of the Sheriffs and other Kings' officers. Such powers were upheld by *Quo warranto* and enlarged by subsequent charters from the Crown. In the reign of Edward IV., power and authority was given to the Abbot to "do, execute and exercise all and singular those things which to the delivery of the prison of our said gaol pertain." This grant was confirmed by Henry VII., who gave power to the Abbot of appointing his own justices. At this date, therefore, it is quite evident that the Liberty justices held commissions of oyer and terminer and of gaol delivery. These vast and dangerous powers were abruptly abolished by Henry VIII immediately prior to the dissolution of the monasteries by an Act of Parliament, which annihilated all civil jurisdiction granted by the King's predecessors to all individuals (27 Henry VIII, cap. 24). One of the exceptions mentioned in this Act was the borough of St. Alban, the corporation of which continued to exercise peculiar jurisdiction for a number of years.

From the reign of Henry VIII onwards, therefore, the Liberty remained on the same standing as the county, the Liberty having jurisdiction over all the area previously held by the Abbot, and the county justices dealing with the remainder of the county. The area of the Abbot's jurisdiction may be roughly defined as the south-westerly part of the county, while the County's jurisdiction extended over the eastern and northern portions.\*

The records of the Liberty, prior to 1758, have apparently been lost, and no trace of them has yet been found.

The documents now calendared have been numbered throughout, and the Sessions Rolls laid flat, and in most cases, bound. All items of general interest have been noted, though no attempt has been made to include anything which was a matter of pure routine.

In a calendar of this nature, it is a matter of extreme difficulty to decide what shall be inserted and what discarded, and I wish to warn the student that my endeavour has been to refer to all subjects which can possibly be of a general interest, and to provide clues as to the nature of the information to be found in the documents. If he wishes to pursue his subject further I must advise original research, and in this connection I may state that the County Council are always most ready to allow students every facility to study the documents.

To those interested in the administration of the County the work is naturally most valuable from the legal standpoint, and much material will be found as to the liability of the liberty to repair bridges, roads, etc., while to the local historian or genealogist the constant references to names of persons and places will no doubt be found of value. Interest,

\* The area under the jurisdiction of the Abbot of St. Albans stretched from Rickmansworth to East Barnet on the south and on the west a line from Rickmansworth, Abbots Langley and Leverstock Green to Redbourn. The north-eastern boundary of the area came down from Sandridge, North Mimms and Northaw to Chipping Barnet.

however, is not confined to the person studying local subjects, and I trust that much contained herein will appeal to the historian and economist interested in the 18th and 19th centuries. Although many of the entries will appear to be commonplace to-day, that which is now commonplace will become perhaps a quaint custom in a hundred years time, and the domestic control and legislation of a county influences in a proportional degree the manners and customs of the inhabitants of England.

A writer once stated very truly, that police reporters were the best historians of nature, as there only "we have the manners of the time caught living as they rise served up as it were piping hot, and human nature naturally delineated." Here indeed we find that the reports on cases brought before the justices do throw a true light on the customs of the time. When we realise that the earliest period dealt with in the present Calendar is 1758, the changes that have been wrought in less than 170 years must strike the reader as remarkable.

The calendar opens in the romantic age of highwaymen, and in the first few pages we find that two offenders in this respect were ordered to be transported (page 8). The policy of using transportation as a punishment must in these days be looked upon with abhorrence by the enthusiastic colonist, who rightly considers the best not good enough to form the population of our deserving colonies, and when we read of the trifling offences which were punished by sentence of transportation, we cannot fail to conclude that many of the "crimes" were committed with the express object of obtaining a free passage to the new world.

The earliest mention we find to a sentence of transportation is in 1758 (page 64), when two persons convicted of stealing a small quantity of wheat are ordered to be transported "to one of His Majesty's plantations in America for seven years." Similar entries occur in the Calendar regularly until the end of the period covered by the present



volume, though about the time of the American War we find that the limitation to America is dropped and no destination is mentioned.

The emigration of children appears to have been known as early as 1838, when Joseph Lee, aged 13, was convicted of uttering base coin and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. During his sentence he behaved with such propriety that the magistrates believed that he must have been so implicated with coiners that, when his sentence expired, he would return to his lawless occupation. They mentioned that there was an establishment at Hackney Wick, conducted by a Captain Brenton, R.N., which "has as its object the protection of destitute youths, and is connected with an establishment at the Cape of Good Hope." Offenders sent there, in most instances, became useful members of society (page 297).

The protection of children from cruelty and neglect was undertaken by the justices. In 1825, we find that the justices took into consideration a case of a child of 10 years old being ill-used by her step-mother (page 171).

Public and private whippings and burning in the hand were popular forms of punishment; the last reference which occurs to whippings being in 1839 (page 313), and to a public whipping in the market place at St. Albans in 1838 (page 297). The pillory is last mentioned in 1812, when James Deaven was ordered to stand in the pillory in the market place at St. Albans for an hour on market day, and in order for this sentence to be carried out the pillory had to be brought from Hertford (pages 122-3). Previous convictions to "be set in the pillory" occurred in 1787 and 1788 (pages 28 and 30). Sentences of burning in the hand were passed in 1774 and 1775 (pages 7 and 83).

During the period dealt with in this Calendar, the Liberty Gaol and house of correction were situated at the Abbey Gateway, which is now used as the St. Albans Grammar School. Various references to repairs to the Gaol identify

this position, *e.g.*, "The Abbey Gaol" (page 35), "repairing the parapet next churchyard," "making good the churchyard wall" (page 120), etc.

The unsuitability of this situation for a gaol can well be imagined, and it is not, therefore, surprising that we find the prisoners indulging in many improprieties. Constant cases occurred of escapes and, by contact with the outside world, beer and additional food often found their way to the prisoners. In 1827, wooden blinds were ordered to be placed on the outside of the windows to prevent the prisoners conversing with their "acquaintances" in the street (page 200).

The treadmill was in existence before 1794 (page 42); by means of this wheel water was pumped up, not only for the use of the inmates of the gaol, but also for "the poor inhabitants of the town" (page 157). Male and female prisoners were put to work at the wheel (page 161). The cost of the upkeep of the wheel was apparently heavy, and in 1828, Mr. Searancke was requested to make a report as to the best methods to be adopted to make the machinery more reliable and permanent (pages 204-5).

The methods of employing prisoners during their imprisonment in the gaol is amply exemplified in the Calendar. In addition to the treadmill, which provided punishment and exercise, we find picking oakum (pages 271 and 278), solitary confinement, dungeons and chains as suitable correctives for the unruly prisoners. Dungeons are mentioned in 1777 (page 10), but the first sentences to solitary confinement in irons occurs in 1831 (page 241); at this date the solitary cell was erected "under the roof of the gaol." This form of punishment appears to have been so drastic that a prisoner attempted to hang himself. The punishment of being placed in irons is mentioned in 1833 and 1839 (pages 256 and 314).

The behaviour of the prisoners at Divine Service appears to have been good, except on one occasion when two of the inmates appeared "with blackened faces" (page 248).

Bibles and prayer books were provided by the justices in 1823 (page 161). The chaplain, however, was not always suitably chosen, and in 1834 we find that the Rev. Henry Small, who had been elected chaplain, had absconded (pages 264 and 265).

The house of correction adjoined the gaol, and the keeper of that house was generally the gaoler himself, and a near female relative acted as matron.

We learn from the Sessions Books for 1814, that a new piece of land was bought up adjoining the house of correction on the road leading from St. Albans to the silk mills (which are still in existence), (page 129).

The justices at the selection of the Hundreder, Lord Salisbury, were most unfortunate in their choice of keepers of the gaol. The first gaoler against whom complaint was made was Samuel Lines, who was accused of causing the death of a prisoner by his harsh conduct and of taking to his own use food and comforts which were sent to the prisoners. Counsel's opinion was taken as to whether the keeper could be prosecuted for this offence, and it was thought best not to take such an extreme measure, but to make a representation to the Marquis of Salisbury that Lines was "a very unfit person to have the care of any person committed to that prison" (pages 94-97). Lines was dismissed and John Cook was appointed in his place. This appointment appears to have been satisfactory except that it was marred by the escape of a prisoner. In 1824, we find that Charles Cook was the keeper—probably a son of his predecessor. Unfortunately, he took to bad habits, and in 1828 we find in the visiting magistrates report that beer had been admitted to the prisoners by the keeper's wife, "which occasioned some noise and confusion in the prison" (page 212). In their next report, the magistrates find Mr. Cook blamable because he had allowed himself "to be overtaken by liquor" (page 213). Having been reprimanded he was allowed to continue

in office until 1836, when similar charges were brought against him, and at last, by placing severe pressure on Lord Salisbury, he was removed and John Deayton, who had been under-keeper, was appointed in his stead (pages 275 and 281-6).

John Deayton had not long been installed at the prison before his health gave way. In 1839, Richard Webster, the surgeon to the gaol, reported him as unfit to perform the duties of a gaoler (page 314); as a result of which report the Marquis of Salisbury was asked to appoint another gaoler. In consequence John Deayton, the son of the former gaoler, was selected in his father's place (page 315). His combined salary was £135 13s. 4d. a year (page 315). As far as we can learn from the Calendar now before us this appointment proved satisfactory, and the visiting justices' reports showed that the prisoners were well looked after.

In 1804, French prisoners were committed to the Liberty gaol (page 103), and it was perhaps for this reason that it became necessary to increase the armoury of the gaoler, for in 1815 he was provided with "a small house gun with bayonet and a second hand sword for ditto" (page 141).

In view of a case which has recently been heard in the Court of Criminal Appeal, in which the justices of the Liberty of Peterborough claimed powers, usually enjoyed by Assize Judges, to try perjury, manslaughter and, if necessary, murder, it is of importance to note that we do not find any instances in the present Calendar of the justices of the Liberty of St. Alban—who appear to have had privileges on all fours with the justices of Peterborough—trying any such charges. In fact the only reference we find to a case of murder, was promptly sent to Assizes (page 165).

In the early part of the 19th century steps were taken to see that a classification of prisoners in the house of correction was made in order that young boys should not be allowed to mix with the hardened criminals (page 166).



In 1825, a settlement was arrived at between the Borough and the Liberty as regards the payment of the upkeep of the gaol and the house of correction, by which it was agreed that the Borough should pay one-third of the repair expenses and the entire charge of any prisoners committed by its justices.

The outbreak of fever in 1825, in the house of correction, must have caused the visiting justices some alarm, but when we consider the conditions under which the prisoners lived, it is amazing how little illness there was.

The upkeep of prisoners from the Liberty, who were sent to the gaol of Hertford, appears to have been paid by the Liberty (pages 277 and 304-5), although quite clearly the Liberty had to bear their share of expenses in the building of the Hertford Gaol in 1775 (page 8).

In 1830, the "medical gentlemen" of St. Albans petitioned the justices that in future the appointment of surgeon and apothecary to the gaol and house of correction should be made annually to the "medical gentlemen" in St. Albans in rotation, which arrangement they considered would be found highly conducive to the preservation and promotion of friendly feelings between members of the profession, and would not be detrimental to the public interests (pages 232-3).

The wife of the keeper of the house of correction was usually the matron, and her duties were to wait and attend upon the females confined in the house of correction at various times. In 1834, Mrs. Deayton put in a petition for an increase in her salary on account of the hard work her position entailed. She stated in her petition "for I do assure you, gentlemen, it is no very pleasing task to have to wait and attend on such a number of very unpleasant persons as they generally are. I have, gentlemen, more than once laid myself up having to attend on them in their sickness. I have for the last 24 years been their slave" (page 265). As a result of this, the justices

recommended a donation of £5 to Mrs. Deayton, but considered a regular increase unnecessary.

In 1840, the justices entered into a correspondence with the Home Secretary in regard to improvements at the gaol. The Home Secretary complained that the alteration had been commenced before the plans had been approved of by him, but the Clerk of the Peace replied that the recent Gaol Act had not been adopted by the Magistrates when the alterations were commenced, although "they were anxious to carry out in the gaol such improvement as their limited pecuniary means warranted." The Home Secretary's objection to the alterations were "on the principle of the association of prisoners." The plans submitted by the Liberty Magistrates did not include "reception cells, cleansing rooms, a bath or disinfecting ovens." The architect was ordered to revise his plans which appear to have satisfied the necessary authorities (pages 320-322).

The Militia Records of the County of Hertford have recently been collected together, and a report written thereon. They form a separate series of documents and it is not surprising, therefore, that we really find comparatively little in this Calendar which throws light on the County unit.

The New Militia Act had been passed in 1757, and the Militia was embodied in 1774 in view of the affairs in America. In that year mention is made that two deserters from the Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire Militia were committed to the Liberty gaol (page 6), and in 1780 we find reference to the regulations made by the justices for the relief of families of men serving with the Militia (page 15). In 1783, a dispute arose between the justices of Middlesex and the Liberty in regard to the payment of the Militia allowances. The entry is obscure in its meaning, but the Treasurer states that "he never was so poor that he could not pay the whole of the money," and the justices of the Liberty order that the Treasurer for the county of Middlesex be prosecuted if he

shall be guilty of such neglect or misbehaviour in future ” (page 19). In 1792, the Militia of the county was again embodied, and in 1795 the Liberty Treasurer, Mr. John Boys, was allowed an increase in salary “ whilst the Militia of this Kingdom is embodied and in actual service ” (page 48). Two years later we find that a supplementary Militia had been formed (page 53), and that the constables of the Liberty were allowed a guinea for attending “ every meeting in raising the supplementary Militia ” and a shilling for every twenty names sent in, and 6d. for summoning every “ balloted man ” (page 54). Apparently there was no great keenness to billet the Militia, and in 1800 we find a conviction of a publican for refusing to billet two privates of the Hertfordshire Militia (page 93).

It was quite a common occurrence for condemned prisoners to apply for release on condition of their enlistment in the army or the navy, and in the Calendar now before us we find several references to this procedure (pages 18, 48, 49, 107, 108). These references show that in 1805, the Royal Marines and 4th Dragoon Guards were recruiting in St. Albans. The Navy obtained many volunteers from the Liberty in 1795 (page 46).

The Militia, which had been mobilised in 1778, was disbanded in 1783, and we find a repetition of a story which is to-day fresh in our minds, when it was found necessary to increase the allowance of the conveyor of vagrants by £10 10s. “ for extraordinary expenses, mainly caused by the disbanding of the Army ” (page 20).

We find the justices of the Liberty in 1793 dealing with the civil side of an offence which must also have been connected, one would think, with a court martial. William Pennicud, a private in the 15th Regiment of Light Dragoons, had disposed of certain regimental necessities to two civilians of Watford, who were each fined £5, or in default of payment

to be publicly whipped in the market place at Watford (page 41).

A most cowardly assault was made on a wounded soldier in Barnet in 1797. He was beaten and kicked, and his assailants "forcibly took away his tin box in which was his discharge" (page 53-4).

In 1761, there is a reference to an action brought by the Colonel "of the Queen's new raised royal regiment of volunteers" (pages 67-8).

From the legal point of view perhaps the greatest value in the Calendar lies in the references the records contain to the liability of the Liberty to repair bridges. It would appear from the entries we find, that the justices paid the expense of repairs to the bridges at Frogmore (pages 45, 48, 49, 146, 178-9), Colney (pages 50 and 235), Loudwater (page 157), Watford (pages 230, 239, 240, 301-2, 308), Medburn (pages 178, 181-2, 184, 215-218), Park Street (page 235), St. Michaels (page 256), and Holywell Bridge (page 263), though in the case of Watford and Medburn the Liberty at first denied its obligation in this respect. The justices do not appear to have contributed towards the repair of Soles Mill Bridge (page 167), the bridge near Rickmansworth (pages 242, 246, 249), Redbourne (pages 244 and 247), Kingsbury (pages 257 and 258), Batchworth (page 258), and Hunton (pages 289 and 308), and only admitted partial liability to repair Bushey Bridge (pages 131 and 146) and High Bridge (pages 237 and 306).

The liability to repair highways and the diversion of footpaths and highways constantly came before the justices. The diversions were generally made at the instigation of the owners of the property adjoining the roads or paths to be diverted, and in many cases it would appear that the plea that the new road would be nearer and more commodious to the public, was merely inserted because such diversions were advantageous to the landowners. These entries are of value



in establishing questions of right of highway and by giving the names of fields and hamlets.

In most cases the liability to repair roads fell on the inhabitants of the parish through which they ran. Where an owner of land desired to enclose a footway it was done on a writ of *Ad quod damnum*, and, if no appeal was made against such enclosure, it was allowed, and the record of the proceedings enrolled with the records of the Court (pages 32-3).

In some cases, where an old footway was proved to be incommodious to passengers, a new footway was selected, and the old footway stopped up and enclosed within the lands of the local lord of the manor, who was generally held liable to repair the new footway.

Occasionally the diversion of a footway was challenged by the local land owner, or by the inhabitants of the parish, and where it was shown that the proposed new highway was not nearer or more commodious than the old one, the appeal was allowed (page 102). There was evidently a certain time limit within which appeals against the diversion had to be brought, for we find in 1805 (page 105) an appeal quashed because it had not been made within the time limit.

In 1801, an Act of Parliament was passed for the widening of the Reading Road, and in 1807 we find the enrolment of a deed for the sale of the old road which had now been enclosed by the trustees of the turnpike road (pages 110-111). Several highways were ordered to be widened and repaired at the expense of the parish or owner of the adjoining property.

In 1807, the inhabitants of Leavesden were ordered to repair a certain portion of the road leading from Abbots Langley to Hunton Bridge, and a note was made that they had not appeared or pleaded. Apparently they acknowledged their liability and carried out the necessary repairs (page 112).

A few cases of rights-of-highway came before the justices. In 1794, an inhabitant of East Barnet pleaded that there was a common footway or churchway leading across the

lands of John Kingston, Esquire, in the parish of East Barnet, from Southgate in Edmonton to East Barnet, and that the said John Kingston had erected a paled fence to the stoppage and hindrance of the King's subjects (page 43).

In 1821, the justices ordered a certain highway in the parish of Aldenham, between Bushey and Aldenham, to be stopped up and the soil thereof to be sold, reserving a carriage-way 12 feet wide to a small piece of land adjoining the property (page 156). In 1833 an old highway in Rickmansworth was dealt with in a similar fashion (pages 259-260).

In 1823, an order was made to stop up a road leading from Rickmansworth to Grove Mill and Hunton Bridge, near Chandlers Cross, which was subsequently quashed on complaint of Petter Clutterbuck (pages 161-162).

In 1817, a petition was brought by a surveyor of highways, in the parish of St. Stephen, for the allotment of the responsibility to repair highways leading from Waterdell to Leavesden Woodside. The justices, upon consideration, ordered that certain posts be erected to delineate the liability between the parish of St. Stephen and the parish of Watford.

In nearly all cases plans are attached to the records of diversions of highways, which are of value in enabling the student to identify the property, and show where the old foot-paths or highways previously ran.

In 1819, William Larkins, of Chipping Barnet, was indicted for destroying a fence and for enclosing a parcel of the common waste of the manor of Chipping Barnet and East Barnet lately enclosed by an Act of Parliament. He was acquitted (page 149).

Reference is constantly made to the existence of turnpike gates and to the tolls charged at such gates. In 1783, James White was convicted for forcibly passing a turnpike gate at St. Albans (page 20), and in 1817, the toll collector of the turnpike gate near Ridge Lane Turnpike, between Watford and Kings Langley, was fined for demanding a greater toll

than was lawful (page 144). In 1819, William Budd, collector of the Black Boy Turnpike, in the parish of St. Stephen, was indicted for a similar offence (page 149). In 1840, James Vass appealed against a complaint of having driven a horse and cart off the branch road of St. Albans in the parish of St. Michael in order to avoid the payment of 3d. due on passing Kingsbury Toll Gate (page 318).

Strict supervision appears to have been kept over the owners and drivers of stage coaches. In 1796, Thomas Barwell, of St. Albans, was convicted for having let " a horse to hire by the stage " without licence or authority (page 49).

In 1817, William Jennings, a Liberty Surveyor of the Reading and Hatfield road, was convicted for neglect of duty in not seeing that the hedges adjoining the highway were properly cut and pruned (page 144).

In 1823, the driver of the London and Nottingham stage coach was convicted of carrying a load on the roof of the stage coach which was of too great a height, and four persons were convicted for employing stage coaches not having the proprietor's name, and the place whence they set out and their destination placed upon their coaches. These convictions were afterwards quashed (page 164).

That the magistrates paid attention to the loading of waggons and the number of horses required to pull such waggons up certain of the hills within the Liberty is exemplified by an order made as to this in 1770 (page 2).

There is an interesting case in 1798 of a warrant to distrain the goods of Joseph Wallis, the proprietor of the Birmingham common stage waggon, for unlawfully driving on Sunday (page 54).

In the examination of Samuel Golding in 1796, with reference to a theft of a truss of hay, the accused is described as the " Caddee " of a waggoner of the Lutterworth waggon. This expression for a van boy has now dropped out of use, though up to comparatively recent times it was

the usual way of describing messengers and errand boys. Bus conductors were often called "bus-cads," though in these days the word "caddee" seems entirely restricted to the golf course (page 51).

We find in this Calendar several references to persons poaching in private fisheries which throw light on the fishing rights of the landlords. Fisheries particularly mentioned are at Pauls Walden, belonging to Thomas Brand (page 29), at Rickmansworth, belonging to Samuel Salter (page 56 and 57), another at Rickmansworth, belonging to Henry Fotherly Whitfield (page 101), in the river Colne at Rickmansworth, belonging to Robert Williams (page 131), the fishery belonging to Garston House, belonging to John Falcon (page 143), in Chesham Stream, belonging to Elizabeth Morgan (page 153), in the river Ver, between Chequer Bridge and Little Mill, belonging to John Dixon, miller, of Redbourne (page 158), in the reservoir at Aldenham, belonging to the Rev. William Capel (pages 159-160), in the water "which runneth in the lands of James Carpenter Gape, clerk, called Mill Meadows in the parish of St. Stephen" (page 167), and the Mill Pond in Hoe Park belonging to Lord Dacre (page 180).

We also find instances of common poaching. In 1801, Robert Howard is indicted for using a gun, three spaniels and a setter for taking game "in a spring of wood called Tooveys Spring, near Nascot Wood in the parish of Watford" (page 98), and in 1807, Isaac How, of Chipperfield, is indicted for shooting game without a licence (page 110). In the same year Andrew Stedman unsuccessfully appealed against his conviction for using a dog and gun for killing game (page 111). A few years later, Edward Batty, a labourer, was convicted for snaring game in a wood called Roundwood in the parish of Watford, the property of the Earl of Essex (page 119).

An interesting list of all persons appointed gamekeepers by Lords of the various manors within the Liberty, between the years 1764 and 1787, is given on pages 70-81. This list



contains the names of the gamekeepers and the names of the lords of the various manors. There is another list compiled in 1786, giving the names of "noblemen and gentlemen" who applied for certificates for killing game (pages 85-88).

We find various notices as to the increased cost of living. In 1773, the conveyer of vagrants was granted a gratuity in consideration of his loss owing to the excessive cost of corn, hay and provisions (page 4). In 1800, the Home Secretary addressed a letter to the Lord Lieutenant of the county, recommending the adoption of certain measures to obviate the distress of the industrious poor on account "of the late unfavourable season which will probably lead to a rise in the price of wheat and other grain," and recommended the use of standard wheaten bread only. A meeting of bakers in the Liberty was called, who pointed out what objections they had to the use of this type of bread. In the same year the conveyer of vagrants was allowed an additional sum on account of the increased cost of grain (page 93).

In 1795, an order was made prohibiting the baking of any other sort of bread than standard wheaten bread; this measure was taken as a result of the "present scarcity of bread corn and the unexemplified dearness thereof," and in order to alleviate as much as possible the distress of the labouring poor. The bread was ordered to consist "of the whole produce of the grain, the bran or hull thereof only excepted, and is to weigh three-fourth parts of the wheat whereof it is made." The court of justices "as individuals resolved from and after this date not to consume or suffer to be consumed in their respective families any sort of bread of superior quality to the standard wheaten bread," and to prohibit "as much as in their power in their respective families the consumption of flour for any other purpose" (page 47). They recommended the magistrates and gentlemen within the Liberty to render every assistance to the "labouring poor in the present hour of their distress, and till



the price of bread is reduced to such a reasonable sum as will enable them to purchase the same from the profits of their labour." The bakers within the towns and villages appear to have agreed to these regulations (pages 47 and 48). In 1840, owing to the "the present high prices of hay and oats," allowances were again increased (pages 316 and 318).

The cost of the conveyance of vagrants was constantly considered by the justices. In 1758, a resolution was made that vagrants shall not be conveyed separately owing to the extravagant charge and expense incurred on the journey from Barnet to St. Albans (pages 63 and 64). We find that the conveyer of vagrants in 1758 received as much as £80 from Michaelmas 1758 to Easter 1759 (page 65), and in 1760 the salary of the conveyer was fixed at £152 per annum in lieu of all casual expenses (page 66).

In 1834, an order was made that Irish paupers, removed from the Liberty to London, should be conveyed to Ireland by the "London and Dublin Steam Marine Company's packets, to Dublin," Scottish paupers should be removed by the London and Leith Old Company's Shipping packets, those belonging to the Isle of Man to Liverpool, and then shipped to the most convenient port, and those from the Scilly Isles by the vessels going to Dublin by dropping them at Falmouth. The passage fees are set out (pages 261-2).

In 1831, a committee was formed to enquire into the expenditure of the Liberty with a view to ascertaining what economies could be effected. They considered the cost of prosecution and conveyance of prisoners to be excessive, and attributed this to the "unlimited allowance made by the clerk of the assize to the solicitors employed in prosecutions." The committee desired to impress upon the minds of the justices the need of strictest economy, more especially during the operation of the heavy tax upon the Liberty on account of the rate raised for the New Town Hall (page 242).

Indications of bad harvests have already been noted, and in one instance the severity of the winter is commented upon, for in 1814, the collapse of Bushey Mill Bridge is ascribed to the heavy flakes of ice driving against the piers or cut-ways (page 128).

Epidemics do not appear to have been frequent, but in 1837, the report of the visiting magistrates of the prison states that the "prevailing epidemic is affecting a large number of the prisoners, in all 75," but only one case resulted in death, and that is attributed to the shattered state of constitution under which the patient had been labouring from the day he entered the prison. This person was buried in the churchyard of the Abbey (page 290). By Michaelmas of the same year the magistrates state that all traces of the "influenza" have passed away (page 293).

We find constant reference to Barnet Fair, and to the trouble to which the justices were put to provide constables, and to see that order was kept during the week in which this was held. In 1787, the magistrates of the Liberty assembled at the Mitre Inn at Barnet in order to suppress an intended riot, and the account of the luncheon which was provided for them on this occasion is instructive. Forty dinners at 1s. 6d. appears indeed a moderate charge, while the drink bill cannot be considered excessive with the exception of beer which amounted to £2 10s. 6d., nearly half the total cost of the meal. 7s. 6d. is charged for punch and 5s. for wine, while tobacco only amounts to 6d. (page 29).

Other Fairs are mentioned in the Calendar and were suppressed by order of the justices:—Sluts Fair at St. Albans (page 165), Patchett's Green Fair (page 206), and St. Stephen's Fair (page 212).

Barnet not only provided entertainment by its annual fair, but also indulged in the pleasures of horse racing. In 1798, we find the report of the general meeting of subscribers to the Barnet Association "for the preservation of good order

and for the protection of persons and property in the several associating parishes " adjoining Barnet. The report sets out that it has been made known to the meeting " that the most illegal means have been resorted to by the promoters of the late horse races at Barnet for raising money to be run for, by encouraging a number of " E.O." tables to be brought upon the racecourse from London by persons who subscribed a considerable sum to the plates or stakes, in consequence of permission being granted them to erect booths or tents on the racecourse in defiance of the law and to the ruin of the unwary, whose losses are reported to have been considerable. The Association, which takes the view that it is more desirable to prevent such offences rather than prosecute the offenders, decided to take all means in their power to stop this easy and commodious means of gaming to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood (particularly the lower class) which, as it tends to their ruin, must consequently tempt them to improper means for supplying their losses by depredations, either public or private. It is resolved by the Association that a reward of £10 be given for the apprehension of every person who shall be convicted of keeping an " E.O." or any other table, and that the attention of the justices shall be called requiring their action to put down this great evil. E.O. was a game in which one's gain or loss depended upon a ball falling into a series of niches marked E. or O.

As will be seen by the order made in 1786, the term vagrant covered a multitude of classes: all persons going about as " almsgatherers for loss by fire or other casualty, or as collectors for gaols, or fencers, or bearwards, or exhibiting shows, or players of interludes, comedies, tragedys, plays, operas or farces, or minstrels, jugglers or gipsies wandering in form or habit of Egyptians, or telling fortunes, or using subtle craft to deceive the King's subjects, or playing at unlawful games " were included (pages 24-5).

Prize-fighting apparently was not encouraged by the justices, for in 1793, we find an indictment of John Butcher,

of Marylebone, "coachmaster," William Hooper, of Chipping Barnet, tinman, and William Jacklin, *alias* Johnson, *alias* Crab Johnson, late of St. Andrew's, Holborn, labourer, for assembling and proceeding "to a certain stage," erected for the purpose of public fighting, and did encourage and abet two persons named Patrick Walsh and Patrick Knowland and divers other persons to ascend the stage "and then and there unlawfully, riotously and routously to fight and break the peace of our said Lord the King, and being ordered to desist from such unlawful proceedings and breaches of the peace, and to disperse from such unlawful assembly, did refuse and neglect so to do, and did persist to encourage and maintain such unlawful fighting and did encourage each other to resist all attempts made by His Majesty's Justices and constables of the parish and Liberty, and did continue the riot for a great length of time, to wit, for the space of an hour and upwards, to the great terror and disturbance of His Majesty's liege subjects there residing, and also of all other liege subjects passing and repassing along the King's common highway." The offenders were also charged with uttering divers loud and terrible shouts and hallowings to the annoyance of the residents. Evidently Patrick Walsh was a public entertainer of some repute, for we find a letter from a person in Mount Street stating that he had known him "as an honest and sober man above 8 years," and that it is a great loss to him "his being absent so near the Queen's birthday" (pages 38-9).

Street music was discouraged, and in 1793, we find an indictment of various persons to the number of 100 for unlawfully assembling at Watford with divers instruments of music with which they made a great noise by beating and rattling of the same, and blowing of horns to the disturbance of the inhabitants (pages 40-1).

In later years, Watford apparently became educated in their musical tastes, for we find in 1836 a licence for John Wilson, keeper of the "Spread Eagle" in Watford, for the



performance of music. The application sets out that the young tradesmen of Watford have lately subscribed and purchased brass musical instruments and formed a band which is found highly agreeable to the inhabitants, and a licence is required to enable them to meet together on certain days in the week for that purpose. The application is made "to prevent any harrassing informations" (page 285).

The result of the formation of this band appears to have encouraged further efforts in this direction, and a year later we find an application for a music and dancing licence for the "Spread Eagle." The owner of that inn is stated to have a noble room well adapted for the purpose, built at very great expense by the late Peter Clutterbuck, Esquire. The house has been kept in a very proper manner, and a certificate signed by the inhabitants is annexed. The licence was granted for one year (page 294). This proved, apparently, a popular measure for, in the following year, we find an application from the inhabitants of the town of Watford that the licence shall be continued (page 301).

In 1809, the Vicar of Codicote, Rev. Thomas Jaumard, must have suffered a very unpleasant experience, for while returning from doing duty one Sunday in an adjoining parish, a number of people collected together in the village, very much intoxicated with liquor and in the act of carrying a person in a chair clothed in a garb or dress to excite the laughter and ridicule of everyone who beheld him, and attended by a great number of children in a most riotous and disorderly manner, to the annoyance of the peaceable inhabitants of the village. When the vicar cautioned the keepers of the public houses in the village not to allow the rioters to have any more liquor, certain of them loudly called to him in a very abusive manner, and immediately carried the person so dressed up in front of the vicar's windows, to the great annoyance of himself and his family (pages 116-7).

The Luddite riots and others, which occurred all over



England after the battle of Waterloo, appear to have left the Liberty unaffected, though we find an account in 1817 "for taking Charles Siddon, being one of the rioters at London, on the 2nd December last, at London" (page 144).

Apparently certain persons had been over zealous in their celebrations of the 5th November, 1824, for we find that John Lewsey, of Pauls Walden, was indicted for causing a bonfire to be kept on that occasion in a field known as Millhill Field, belonging to a farm known as Paulswalden Bury (page 166).

It will be remembered that in 1830 Peel introduced the police force, but it was not until 1839 that any serious efforts were made to organise a county force for the protection of the county. On February 2nd of that year a letter written from the Home Secretary was addressed to the chairman of the Liberty Sessions informing him of the action of the magistrates of Shropshire in regard to the police force. They state "that in consequence of the present inefficiency of the constabulary force, arising from the great increase of population and the extension of trade and commerce of the country, it is the opinion of the court that a body of constables appointed by the magistrates, paid out of the county rates, and disposable at any point of the shire where their services might be required, would be highly desirable as providing in the most efficient manner, for the prevention as well as detection of offences, for the security of persons and property, and for the constant preservation of public peace." The Liberty magistrates thereupon resolved that the present constabulary force was quite insufficient for the security of persons and property, and agreed to institute a force of the nature recommended by the justices of Shropshire (pages 310-11). Early the next year the committee of the county made a report to the Liberty which was unanimously agreed upon. This report recommended that the constabulary force should be made more effectual, and that an establishment of

a body of constables—limited by the magistrates according to the exigency of the case—would be highly desirable. It appeared from the correspondence with the Home Secretary that the Liberty was not within the provisions of the Rural Police Act, and it was resolved that the chairman should co-operate with the chairman of the County Sessions in order that the Liberty may be placed in a situation to adopt the said Act if the magistrates shall continue to think such expedient advisable (page 317).

Little information is thrown upon the establishment of the twopenny post, and the only reference that is found thereto is the case of Robert Sellwood, "letter receiver" of East Barnet, who had been summoned to serve on a jury (page 312). Rowland Hill's penny postage had scarcely been instituted at the time when this Calendar ends.

The establishment of Benefit Societies in England became generally recognised about the year 1793, when they were given statutory protection. Their rules and regulations had to be submitted to the justices for approval. These Societies may be considered as the forerunners of Insurance Companies, and as will be seen by the Calendar now under consideration, became very generally adopted in nearly every village. A certain public house was selected, and the Society assembled there for the mutual protection of its members. The first society of this nature mentioned in this Calendar is that held at the "White Horse" in Park Street, which was instituted in 1799. At the same Sessions, other Societies were allowed at the "Rose and Crown," St. Michael's, "The Plough," Elstree, and "The Saracen's Head," Redbourne. From that date scarcely a year passes without reference to the formation of some new Society.

Private lunatic asylums were established under the care and inspection of the justices of the Liberty. We find in 1799 a licence for William Vernon, of Northaw, for the reception of lunatics not exceeding ten in number (page 62), and

in 1812, for John Rumball, of St. Stephen's, for the same purpose (page 122). The house of John Rumball appears to have continued for a considerable time. Apparently John Rumball died about the year 1834, for in the Epiphany Sessions of that year, we find an application by James Quilter Rumball, of St. Michael's, surgeon and apothecary, for a licence to keep a house at Oyster Hills for the reception of lunatics (page 261). This licence is extended yearly to 1838.

It was enacted in 1829 that all parishes and places within the Liberty should make a return of all lunatics and dangerous idiots, and a presentment is made in 1827 that several of the parishes have not rendered this return (page 296). Apparently the Liberty had no asylum for pauper lunatics, and these were sent to the lunatic asylum at Bedford (page 287).

Under an Act of Parliament it was necessary to obtain a licence from the justices for setting up a printing press. We find instances of applications for such licences in 1816 (page 142), and in 1827 (pages 188-9).

The census of 1801 is referred to on account of the expenses entailed by the overseers of various parishes (pages 98 and 99), as is that of 1811 (page 122).

We find the certificate of Samuel Storey, Mayor of the Borough, in respect of the General Election in 1807, wherein he states that he has received no gratuity or reward for making his return at the present Election of members to serve in Parliament (page 110).

Two local newspapers, the "County Chronicle" and the "County Herald," are mentioned in 1813 (page 125).

The necessity for dissenters and others to register the house or room at which they intended to carry out public worship is sometimes mentioned. One such house was at Farthing Lane, in the parish of Watford (page 120), and another also at Watford in 1812 (page 123).

Were I to attempt to enumerate all the items of minor interest contained in the Calendar, I should be extending this preface to an unwarrantable length. I think it best, therefore, to mention a few general subjects, giving references to the pages of the Calendar where such matters are found.

Convictions of persons for wasting water in the canals (pages 107 and 113).

Sacrament certificates (page 62).

A dispute among the inmates of the Redbourne workhouse (pages 61-2).

Insulting behaviour before the justices by a high constable of the Liberty (page 23).

The silk mills at Watford (page 3).

The workhouse at St. Michaels (page 19).

The account of medicines supplied by the surgeon to the prisoners at the gaol (pages 92-3).

The Great Pond near the "White Horse" in St. Peter's Street (page 68).

A pawnbroker trading contrary to the Act (page 35).

A veterinary surgeon described as a "cow doctor" (page 122).

The use of oak trunks as water pipes in 1814 (page 129).

In 1815, an important memorial was drawn up, concerning "the charity societies in the parish of St. Peter." The various charities enjoyed by the parishes in St. Albans are classified as: The Cross Keys Charity, Mrs. Jane Nicholas's Charity, Lathbury's Charity, Mr. Robert Skelton's Charity, and Mrs. Elizabeth Allen's Charity (pp. 132-140). This memorial sets out the property held in respect of each of the charities and the objects for which they were given.

As regards those belonging to the parish of St. Peter, they consist of a tenement in St. Peter's, called the parish workhouse; a tenement on the south side of the churchyard, purchased with the money given by the will of Sir Robert Coxe, Knight, in 1632; four cottages in a lane called Cock



Lane ; three other cottages in the same lane built by John Masterman, goldsmith, of London, in lieu of three other tenements which formerly stood opposite to the messuage called the "White Horse" ; two tenements in St. Peter's Street ; three tenements in Katherine Lane, which were given by the will of Robert Hodgkinson in 1593 ; two messuages at London Colney, adjoining the "Chequers Inn" ; a close called Lamb Close, abutting on the north on Katherine Lane, on the east on St. Peter's Street, on the west on a close called Gumbards, and on the south on a messuage late in the occupation of Mrs. Pembroke ; two closes called Palfrey Closes adjoining Barnard Heath, bequeathed by Robert Robotham, of Grays Inn, in 1670 ; a piece of meadow land, called Plaish, lying near Colney Heath ; several closes of land called Thorpes in the parish of Saundridge ; a piece of meadow formerly part of a certain field, called Woodmead, abutting on the highway leading from Holywell to St. Stephen's ; a croft, called Spital Croft, near Tittenhanger Green ; the rent charge from a field, called Keyfield, in the parish of St. Peter ; an annuity from a close called the Lawns ; and an annuity from a close of land called Culver Mead in Sandpit Lane. The general objects of the charities are for the repairs to the parish church of St. Peter, but by whom the said lands were originally given is not known except as set out above, and those given about the year 1518-19 by the will of Richard Copcott.

The Cross Keys Charity consisted of a messuage, etc., near the site of the messuage formerly called the Cross Keys Inn, on the east side of Holywell Hill, part of which messuage was purchased by the trustees of St. Albans Turnpike road for the purpose of making the new road at the entrance to the town ; one messuage in Church Row ; one tenement in Fishpool Street ; a fair, "holden and kept on Rome Land on the 8th September in every year called Prey Fair, which fair having gone to decay is now totally discontinued and lost" ;



and a certain sum in Navy Bank annuities. The object of the charity is that the trustees should employ one moiety to the church of St. Albans, called the Abbey Church, one quarter towards the relief of the poor of the parish of St. Peter, and one quarter towards the relief of the poor of the parish of St. Alban. The charity was founded in 1618 by Matthew Small, late of Paddington, Humphrey Bowden, citizen and merchant taylor of London, and Elizabeth Pemberton, late of London, widow.

Mrs. Jane Nicholas's Charity consisted of a freehold messuage of 24 acres of land at Hexton; two farms called Aynells or Agnells, and Sand Hill in Bedfordshire. The object of the Charity, after the payment of £20 yearly to the heirs of Sarah Brock, was to pay to the parson of the parish of St. Alban, and his successors, £5 for his preaching an annual sermon in the said Abbey Church, and to pay six poor widows and other of the poorest people of the parish of St. Alban, and two poor widows in the parish of St. Peter, and two poor widows in the parish of St. Michael, £5 apiece. The charity was founded by Mrs. Jane Nicholas by her will dated 1780.

Lathbury's Charity consisted of two tenements, one standing near the market place adjoining to the court house, and the other on the north side of Dagnell Lane. The charity was founded by Thomas Lathbury, of Broxbourn, by his will dated 1579.

Mr. Robert Skelton's charity consisted of one messuage in the Borough of St. Alban, in a street called Malt Cheaping, extending from the street aforesaid to the east of the lane leading to the Wheat Cheaping on the west; one messuage in the Borough of St. Alban in a place or street called Fish Shambles and adjoining the public house called the "Lamb." The objects of the charity are to give 26 one penny loaves to 26 poor people of the parish of St. Alban in the south aisle of the church on every Sunday in the year, immediately after Divine Service, if any service or sermon should be performed,

or otherwise about the hour of 11 in the forenoon of every such Sunday, and to give 30 groats to 30 poor widows on Friday next before Whitsunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Allen's Charity consisted of three closes of meadow in Wood Street, Chipping Barnet, on the south side of the high road leading to Barnet Common, and nearly opposite Garrett's Almshouses, and a perpetual rent charge issuing out of the copyhold land on the east side thereof. The objects of the charity were for the building of a free school, and for the maintenance of a school-master to teach all the poor children of Chipping Barnet, male and female, in the English tongue, to read as far as the Holy Bible, and writing and arithmetic as far as the rule of three, and for giving to every scholar a Bible when they leave school, if they could read the same. The charity was founded by Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, formerly of Berkhamsted and afterwards of Melcombe Regis in Dorset, by her will dated 1725.

We now come to deal with the history of the building of the New Town Hall to replace the Old Court House of the Liberty, which formerly existed with the Town Hall in Dagnells Lane, St. Albans, and which, up to the date of the erection of the new building, is constantly referred to in the records (pages 41, 43 and 130, etc.).

In 1825, the idea was first mooted to build a new Court House more worthy of the Liberty. Various suggestions as to the best site for this were put forward, and at first opinion seemed to favour Rome Land as most suitable. Mr. Storey, architect to the Liberty, was asked to make an estimate of the probable cost of building the Court House on this position. In his report (page 174), he stated that the cost would be about £4,000, and that if the mayor and aldermen of the Borough would consent to the sale of the present town hall, the proceeds of the sale would, he estimated, amount to £1,000. This sum would be used towards the cost of the new building which would include a ball and supper room. In

1827, a committee was appointed to enquire into and report upon the state of the Court House, and the practicability of improving or rebuilding it on the same or some other site (page 189).

In 1827, the Clerk of the Peace was ordered to obtain information respecting the practicability of pulling down the present Court House and selling the site thereof without incurring the expense of an Act of Parliament. The Committee appointed as to this, reported that it was not expedient to lay out any money in repairing or improving the present Court House, and that a committee should be formed to ascertain the probable expense of building a new Court House upon the present or any other site, including the purchase of the ground with the buildings which may be standing thereon (pages 196-7). The committee further reported that the situation in St. Peter's Street, recommended by Mr. Smith, appeared to them to be more eligible for a Court House than the site of the present Borough Gaol or Town Hall. Part of the ground recommended for the building in St. Peter's Street belonged to Mr. Kinder and Mr. Kentish as trustees to a charitable institution, and a small piece to Mr. Robert Nicholls. Application had been made to these persons, who stated their willingness to sell their property at a fair valuation (pages 198-9). A letter from the Clerk of the Peace to the Town Clerk of St. Albans, written by direction of the committee, touching the purchase of Rome Land for the purpose of the new Court House, was taken into consideration. The committee expressed the opinion that the site at Rome Land was far more suitable than the present site of the town hall as it combined the conveniences requisite for the transaction of business, and would prove an ornament to the town (page 199).

A few weeks later, the committee reported that, after considering communications they had had with the mayor and corporation of St. Albans, and Mr. George Smith the

architect, it was led to the conclusion that the land offered by Mr. Kentish was more suitable than Rome Land, as that site was too far away from the centre of the town. The sum required, according to the estimate of Mr. Smith, the architect, was £6,000, to meet which it would be necessary to impose a penny rate on the Borough and Liberty. The committee recommended that the mayor and corporation be invited to join in the above undertaking. Mr. George Smith delivered in the plans of the New Court House and Town Hall, adapted to the ground belonging to Mr. Kentish, and an estimate thereof amounting to £6,250. The magistrates of the Borough resolved that the corporation should cordially co-operate with the justices of the Liberty in the proposed measure, and decided to give the present town hall and site towards the expenses of erecting the new Town Hall and Sessions House on condition that the freehold of the new building be vested in the corporation (pages 206-7).

In the commencement of the year 1828, a committee was formed from the inhabitants of St. Albans and subscribers, who expressed their willingness to place the site in St. Peter's Street in the hands of the magistrates for this Liberty for the sum of £300, and their generous offer was accepted. It was found that it would be necessary to obtain a private Act of Parliament for the purpose of obtaining the site and for raising the money on the security of the rates. It was, therefore, resolved that the expenses attending this Act, and also the erection of the proposed building and all incidental expenses be borne in the proportion of two-thirds by the Liberty and one-third by the Borough, and that the expenses of all future repairs be borne in like proportions. It was finally resolved that the plan delivered in by Mr. George Smith be adopted (pages 208-10).

In Epiphany Sessions, 1829, the committee reported that the necessary notices had been given for the Act of Parliament for building the New Court House, and that part



of the proposed site had been purchased by the committee, and the old buildings thereon pulled down. Some difficulty apparently existed in finding a suitable plot of land on which to build almshouses in lieu of those standing upon a portion of the site, but this had now been overcome and a suitable spot found. As the scheme progressed so the estimate of the cost arose, and by 1829 it was set down as £10,863 (pages 215-6).

The Act received the Royal assent 14th May, 1829, and tenders were immediately invited for the building. The Clerk of the Peace was directed to advertise for the sum of £6,000 to be raised on the credit of the rates of the Liberty and Borough, in sums of not less than £100, and to ascertain whether this amount could be obtained by way of loan from the Government (page 219).

The tenders submitted ranged from £9,500 to £6,991, the lowest being that of Mr. Richard Dean, of Milner Place, Lambeth. As this person was well known to Mr. George Smith, the architect, the court accepted it.

An offer made by the Rev. Mr. Porter, of Maddox Street, Hanover Square, to lend the whole sum required at five per cent. seemed to clear the ground of much difficulty; but before this was accepted, the Clerk of the Peace was directed to write to the "Exchequer Loan Bill Office" to know if the £10,000 required could be advanced from that office and at what rate of interest (pages 220-1). However, it was not long before the justices realised that they could not better the offer of Mr. Porter, which they accepted at interest of five per cent. (page 223).

The tender of Mr. Richard Newport, of Guildford Street, Kennington, of £897 for plasterers' work, and that of Mr. James Wharton, of Tottenham, for £187 for painters' work, completed the necessary contracts (page 226).

By the end of 1829, the work had sufficiently progressed for the magistrates to consider the official commencement of



the work, and accordingly the Clerk of the Peace was instructed to communicate with the Marquis of Salisbury, as *Custos Rotulorum* of the county, inviting him to lay the first stone for the building of the New Court House, and requesting him to fix the earliest date he conveniently could (page 224).

By midsummer, 1830, the work at the New Court House had obviously proceeded apace, and Mr. George Smith was authorised to fix the bells, grates, ranges and coppers in the building. Iron gates were to be placed at the bottom of the staircase, and at the two recesses at the entrance from St. Peter's Street (page 234). The estimate of Mr. Smalley, of Osburn Place, Whitechapel, for the supply of iron railings to enclose the building was accepted.

Three tables, similar to those then in use at the present Town Hall, were ordered, and Mr. Cozier was requested to make a pattern chair "and send the same with the price." Four dozen of these chairs are ordered at 25s. per chair (page 235). An order was given for a full-size armchair to be made for the chairman (pages 237-8).

The justices unanimously agreed to set apart the first room on the lefthand-side of the New Court House as a fit and proper room for the use of the mayor, aldermen and burgesses of the Borough of St. Albans for their council chamber (page 236).

The grates selected by Mr. Smith were criticised as being of too "fanciful a pattern" (page 238).

The application made by the Commissioners of the Court of Requests for the Liberty and Borough of St. Albans, desiring the use of the New Court House for their meetings on Saturday each week was refused "in anticipation of the damage which would occur by such frequent traffic upon the matting of the Court." The magistrates recommended the use of the room appropriated for the Grand Jury instead (page 239).

By Easter, 1831, the expenses of the New Court House had actually amounted to £3,282 (page 244). In midsummer, 1831, the contractor, Richard Dean, applied to the justices for an increase in his estimate on the grounds that he was never told at the time of making his original estimate that the scagliola work was to be included in the tender (page 247). The magistrates turned down this application, and decided there was nothing to warrant the additional payment beyond the amount of his contract.

By Easter, 1833, the work was in a sufficient state of completion to allow the painting to be commenced (pages 257 and 258). Although no information is given as to an official opening of the Hall, we may presume that it took place towards the end of the year 1833.

In 1835, an order was made that all the deeds and writings relating to the New Court House should be deposited among the records of the Liberty. Mr. George Smith was ordered to make plans for enlarging the kitchen, and making it available to all the purposes of banqueting (pages 268-9); and the following year a tender was made for lighting the Court House with gas, the amount to include everything, "except the supply of gas when burnt, which was to be charged and paid for after the rate of one penny per hour for each burner" (page 273).

The Town Clerk applied for the use of the Petty Jury Room and the rooms below as a police station, which application was granted except upon the days of the Quarter Sessions when the room may be required by the magistrates (page 276).

It would appear that Mr. Dean's work was not of the best, for in 1836, a piece of the cornice of the ceiling in the Court Room at the Court House fell down, and Mr. George Smith was instructed to inspect the remainder of the building and to rectify any defect he found, at the expense of the Liberty (page 280).

As a result of the Municipals' Corporation Act, a difficulty arose in regard to the money obtained on mortgage from the Rev. Charles Porter for the purpose of completing the New Court House, and it was decided that the easiest course to adopt was for a case to be tried in the King's Bench in order to free the Liberty justices from any responsibility. In Epiphany, 1836, it was accordingly resolved that counsel's opinion should be taken on this subject (page 275), and in the following year Mr. Porter made a formal application for payment of the arrears of his mortgage. In the same Sessions a resolution was passed that Mr. Porter be left to prosecute his claim at law in order that the magistrates might have the authority of the Court of King's Bench or other competent tribunal for what they did. The magistrates realised the hardship of Mr. Porter's case as he had advanced the money on the faith of his mortgage and regretted the difficulties in which he was placed by the obscure state of the law (page 291).

In midsummer Sessions, the Clerk of the Peace reported that, in pursuance of a rule served upon the justices to show cause why a writ of *mandamus* should not be issued commanding them to pay the Rev. Charles Porter £267 17s. 10d., for interest and instalments of the principal upon the sum of £3,350 borrowed for the building of the New Court House. The case had been argued in King's Bench by the Attorney General and Mr. Amos for Mr. Porter, and Sir William Follett and Mr. Ryland for the justices. It was resolved that the *mandamus* should be immediately obeyed, and in order to meet the arrears, a rate of sixpence in the pound was levied (page 293).

In 1838, a memorial was sent to Lord John Russell as to an error or oversight in the Municipal Corporations' Act, whereby an extra burden had been inflicted upon the Liberty in respect of the mortgage. Lord John Russell considered the memorial, but could not perceive that the burden could

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When the Committee are able to recommend the County Council to proceed with further work in connection with the Records, they feel that it should be carried out in this following order :—

Reference  
to Report.

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| No. 2 (4). | { | The printing and publication of the Calendar to the Liberty of St. Alban Records, 1841 to Michaelmas 1874.<br>(This would form Vol. V. of the printed Calendar of the County Records). |
| No. 2 (2). | { | The binding of the Liberty of St. Alban Sessions Rolls, 1815 to 1874.  |
| No. 1 (3). | { | The preparation of the Calendar of the County of Hertford Sessions Order Books, together with the printing and publication of the same.  |
| No. 3.     | { | The binding of the Militia Records, and the printing and publishing of the List of the same.   |





Andrew Kiffen appointed constable of the parish of St. Michael's, in the place of Ephraim Mead. Sessions Book I/9.

William Martin appointed constable of Windridge ward, in the place of John Hawkins. Sessions Book I/9.

Henry Towers appointed constable of the hamlet of Tittenhanger, in the place of Thomas Clark. Sessions Book I/9.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1770.

Order to the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Brantfield, to make an assessment of 6d. in the pound for the repair of the highways, etc., in that parish. Sessions Book I/21.

Order to pay Jerome Knapp, clerk of assize, £6 for fees for transporting Richard Stroud, Thomas Watts and Thomas Gibbard, convicted of felony. Sessions Book I/22.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1770.

Order for returns to be made of the price of wheat, rye, barley,\* etc. Sessions Book I/26-27.

Order as to the size of waggons, and the number of horses required to draw such waggons up certain hills (named) in the parishes of St. Michael, St. Albans, St. Peter, Shenley, Ridge and South Mimms. Sessions Book I/28-29.

George Carrington appointed chief constable of the liberty, in the place of James Cooper, deceased. Sessions Book I/29-30.

Order to survey a cart bridge, built of brick, called High Bridge, on the road from St. Albans to Radlett [Ratlet]. Sessions Book I/32-33.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1771.

Order to survey High Bridge. Sessions Book I/38.

Order to pay Mary Twitchell, keeper of the House of Correction, £2 12s. 0d. for maintaining Ann Florence and Mary How. Sessions Book I/38-39.

Order to pay Thomas Rolfe and James Twitchell £1 11s. 0d. for expenses in transporting William Russell, convicted of rape. Sessions Book I/39.

\*Orders of this kind occur yearly or at regular intervals.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1771.

- Order to pay Joseph Handley, M.D., £2 10s. 6d. for sundry attendances at the gaol. Sessions Book I/49.
- Order to pay William Johnson £2 8s. 8d. for "brick-laying" done at the gaol. Sessions Book I/50.
- Appointment of James Bigg as constable of the parish of Redbourne. Sessions Book I/53.
- Order to pay Jerome Knapp, clerk of assize, £4 4s. 0d. for transporting William Taylor and John Forster, convicted of felony. Sessions Book I/53.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1771.

- Order for an assessment of 6d. in the pound upon the parish of Ridge, to improve the highways, bridges, streets and pavements in the said parish. Sessions Book I/57-59.
- Order on an appeal of Edward Crutchley and John London, occupiers of a silk mill in Watford, against their assessment for the poor. Sessions Book I/62. *See also* Sessions Book I/70.
- Order to survey High Bridge, on the road from St. Albans to Radlett. Sessions Book I/63-64.
- Order to pay William Cain £4 10s. 0d. for expenses in the carriage of soldiers' baggage. Sessions Book I/66.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1771.

- John Carrington appointed chief constable, in the place of George Carrington. Sessions Book I/75.
- Thomas Bly appointed constable of the ward of Sleep and Smallford. Sessions Book I/75.
- William Goldby appointed constable of the hamlet of Tittenhanger. Sessions Book I/75.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1772.

- Order to pay John Hall, clerk of the peace, £16 7s. 0d. for business done by him. Sessions Book I/89.

Richard Fellows appointed constable of the parish of St. Michael's, in the place of Richard Dagget. Sessions Book I/91.

Nathaniel Wade appointed constable of the parish of Redbourne in the place of William Bigby. Sessions Book I/91.

Order for an assessment of 6d. in the pound to be levied on the inhabitants of St. Peter's, for the repairing of highways, bridges, etc. Sessions Book I/92-93.

Order to pay Jerome Knappe, clerk of the assize, £2 2s. 0d. for transporting Thomas Burgess, convicted of felony. Sessions Book I/94.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1772.

Order to repair the second floor and the "necessary house" of the gaol. Sessions Book I/102.

Order to pay Jerome Knapp £2 2s. 0d. for transporting Robert Wilson, convicted of felony. Sessions Book I/102.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1772.

Order that the clerk of the peace do have "reprinted" the list of offenders transmitted by Sir John Fielding, and Sir John's covering letter. The reprints are to be immediately sent to the different high constables in the liberty (who are to cause one copy to be "stuck up" on the door of every "church or chapel," and also "in the most conspicuous place," in every parish), and to each acting magistrate. Sessions Book I/106.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1773.

Order to pay William Hunt, "conveyor of vagrants," the sum of £5, in consideration of his loss owing to the excessive price of corn, hay and provisions. Sessions Book I/118.

Order to pay William Johnson £17 10s. 9½d. for bricklayers' work, and William Hale £19 14s. 4d. for carpenters' work, done to the gaol. Sessions Book I/118.

Order that the part of the bridge called High Bridge, on the road leading from St. Albans to "Ratlet," which is in the liberty,

be repaired and "coped with stone," the county having given directions to repair, in a similar way, so much of the bridge as is within the county. Sessions Book I/118-119.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1773.

Order to pay Thomas Kinder, the younger, late mayor of St. Albans, £10 3s. 10½d., being a moiety of the "charges incurred in maintaining and dispersing four hundred and eighty men, brought down by James Bull, to the borough of St. Albans." Sessions Book I/134-135.

Order to pay to Phebe and Ann Savidge £4 18s. 0d. for a "Winchester bushell," and 5s. to William Hunt for painting the said bushell. Sessions Book I/135.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1774.

Order to pay the following bills for work done to the gaol :—

£20 16s. 2½d. for bricklayers' work.

£20 2s. 5d. for carpenters' work.

£1 6s. 9d. for whitesmiths' work.

£7 7s. 9d. for blacksmiths' work.

Session Book I/139.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the goal, £2 5s. 0d. for maintaining George Edgecombe and for carrying him on board ship at Blackwall, for transportation. Sessions Book I/139-140.

Order to re-pay William Kentish, the present mayor of the borough of St. Albans, £5 7s. 0d. paid by him to the constables who arrested Joseph Seale and William Durant, two highwaymen. Sessions Book I/140.

Report of the Grand Jury that the tiling, ironwork and woodwork of the windows of the Gaol and the House of Correction are out of repair. Sessions Book I/141.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1774.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £2 9s. 4d. for conveying Joseph Seal and William Durant to Hertford, and for conveying John Dobbison to Rickmansworth, to be

whipped, and for "the fees of discharge" of Hannah Biggs. Sessions Book I/146.

Order to re-pay William Kentish, mayor of the borough of St. Albans, £4 10s. 0d. which he paid to Samuel Crow and others, for "pursuing" William East, a housebreaker, and for a journey to London "after several highwaymen, for robberies committed within this liberty." Sessions Book I/147.

Order to pay Thomas Chambers, bricklayer, £18 6s. 6d., being half the amount of his bill for repairing High Bridge in the hamlet of Theobald Street. Sessions Book I/148.

Order to put into repair the Gaol and the House of Correction. Sessions Book I/148.

Appointment of Joseph Brown as constable of the parish of St. Michael's. Sessions Book I/148.

Order to make an assessment of 2d. in the pound upon all occupiers of land in Paul's Walden, for the repairing, paving, cleansing and supporting of highways, causeways, streets, pavements and bridges. Sessions Book I/150.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1774.

Order to pay Mary Twitchel, keeper of the House of Correction, 18s. 3d. for keeping and clothing Elizabeth Jackson, a lunatic. Sessions Book I/156.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £6 for the subsistence of John Burr and John Jones, two deserters from the Militia of Herts and Bucks. Sessions Book I/156.

Order to pay Jerome Knapp £2 2s. 0d. for fees for transporting Samuel Baldwin, convicted of felony. Sessions Book I/156-157.

George Smith, one of the high constables of the liberty, ordered to pay the money collected by him, together with 10s. and a "reasonable sum" for the expense of the service of a copy of this order upon him. Sessions Book I/157.

Order on an appeal by William Tiverton, of Hemel Hempsted, as to his appointment as overseer of the poor of Abbots Langley. Sessions Book I/158.



## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1774.

Order to pay the following sums for work done to the gaol:—

- £19 19s. 7d. for blacksmiths' work.
- £9 7s. 10d. for bricklayers' work.
- £28 2s. 0d. for carpenters' work.
- £8 6s. 10d. for plumbers and glaziers' work.

Sessions Book I/162-163.

The justices of the liberty to make a report on the work done to the gaol at the next Quarter Sessions. Sessions Book I/163.

Order to pay Jerome Knapp, clerk of assize, £4 for fees for transporting William Brandon and Benjamin How, convicted of felony. Sessions Book I/164.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1775.

Order to pay the following sums for work done to the gaol:—

- £10 9s. 7d. for blacksmiths' work.
- £29 17s. 2d. for bricklayers' work.
- £14 1s. 9d. for carpenters' work.
- £4 11s. 7d. for plumbers and glaziers' work.

Sessions Book I/167-169.

Order to pay to Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £15 9s. 8d., being her fees "in discharging several prisoners, publicly whipping two persons monies paid for the maintenance of two prisoners under sentence of transportation, and for money paid out in clothing a prisoner"; and also "for privately whipping a prisoner" and for the maintenance of Benjamin How whilst under sentence of transportation, and for "carrying him on board a ship in order for transportation." Sessions Book I/169.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1775.

Order to pay Joseph Handley, M.D., £2 8s. 6d. for attendance at the prison. Session Book I/175.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £4 15s. 4d., being her fees, which include payments for whipping and for "burning in the hand two prisoners." Sessions Book I/175.

Order (in accordance with an Act 15 George III) to levy an assessment of 1d. in the pound for taking down the common gaol of the county of Hertford, and for building a new gaol in a more commodious situation. Sessions Book I/178-179.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1775.

Appointment of Levi Lavender as chief constable of Ridge. Sessions Book I/186.

Order to pay Joseph Compton, one of the constables for the borough of St. Albans, 14s. 6d., for conveying Thomas Goff, "a private soldier," from St. Albans to Chipping Barnet. Sessions Book I/187.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS. 1775.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £5 11s. 1½d for the maintenance of Thomas More and Mary Conner whilst under sentence of transportation, and for "carrying them on board a ship in order for their transportation," and maintaining William Lothbury, a deserter. Sessions Book I/190-191.

Order to levy an assessment throughout the liberty, of one penny in the pound, for re-erecting the common gaol of the county of Hertford. Sessions Book I/193-194.

Order commanding the high constables to be present at every quarter sessions. Sessions Book I/195.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1776.

Joseph Edmonds and William White to be transported for seven years, for assaulting and threatening to shoot Henry Dickinson, on the King's highway, in the parish of St. Stephen. Each was possessed of a pistol, which "Mr. Pembroke claims for Lord Spencer [and] Mr. Atkinson for Lord Salisbury"; the pistols are ordered to remain in the hands of the clerk of the peace till a sufficient claim is made out. Recognizances of Henry Dickinson to prosecute and Edward Hoare to give evidence. Sessions Book I/208. and Draft Sessions Book I/6, 7 and 9.

The gaol levy to be a halfpenny in the pound. Draft Sessions Book I/9.

Appointment of William Marsh as constable of St. Michael's, in place of Daniel Deacon. Sessions Book I/207, and Draft Session Book I/9.

Appointment of John Weathered as constable of Saundridge, in the place of John Parsons. Sessions Book I/208, and Draft Sessions Book I/9.

Appointment of Francis Wykes as constable of Windridge, in the place of John Seabrook. Sessions Book I/208, and Draft Sessions Book I/9.

Order to pay Mary Twitchell, keeper of the House of Correction, £1 3s. 0d., for "ruggs and firing for the prisoners." Sessions Book I/208, and Draft Sessions Book I/9.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1776.

William Jackson, for stealing a "flatt" of butter. Recognizances of John Norton to prosecute, and George Osborn, of Finchley, victualler, to give evidence. Draft Sessions Book I/13 and 14.

Order to levy an assessment of 1d. in the pound for re-erecting the gaol. Sessions Book I/213-214, and Draft Sessions Book I/15.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1776.

John Gravestock sent to prison for two months, and ordered to be publicly whipped, next Saturday, in St. Albans market-place, for stealing a truss of "wheat straw" and a truss of "oat straw" out of the barn of Jonathan Cox Lovett. Recognizances of the said Lovett to prosecute, and of William Branbury to give evidence. Draft Sessions Book I/18.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1777.

William Sprigs and William Fray, for stealing two tame white ferrets, the property of John Cain. Recognizances of the said John to prosecute, and of William and Thomas Cain to give evidence. Draft Sessions Book I/21-22.

Benjamin Mays convicted of stealing a "great coat," the property of Nathaniel Sykes, two flannel waistcoats, the property of Charles Williams, and a pair of leather breeches, the property of James Holliwell [*sic*]. Recognizances of Nathaniel Sykes, Charles Williams and James Hallewell [*sic*], to prosecute, and William Cain to give evidence. To be publicly whipped "on a market," from "one end of the town of Watford" to the other, and imprisoned for one month. Draft Sessions Book I/21-22.

Ann Edge, widow, in the House of Correction, for refusing to make oath as to her last place of settlement, discharged. Draft Sessions Book I/21.

Order "to write to Sir John Fielding to send the paper he published to William Allen, constable of Barnet, and William Cain, constable of Watford, because none of the high constables live near the high road." Draft Sessions Book I/24.

Order to Gilbert Kinder and Daniel Howard, chief constables, to pay the sum collected by them towards building a new gaol for the county. Sessions Book I/222, and Draft Sessions Book I/23.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1777.

Order to levy an assessment of a halfpenny in the pound for pulling down the old and erecting the new goal. Sessions Book I/228.

Appointment of James Pope as constable of Abbot's Langley, in the place of Daniel Howard. Sessions Book I/230, and Draft Sessions Book I/28.

Order that a "dungeon" at the liberty gaol be repaired with "plank, as the other part is." Sessions Book I/231, and Draft Sessions Book I/28.

Order to pay William Johnson £3 14s. 8d. for bricklayers' work done to the gaol. Sessions Book I/232, and Draft Sessions Book I/28.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1777.

Appointment of Francis Hannsell as constable of St. Michael's, in the place of William Marsh. Draft Sessions Book I/35.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1778.

Ann Brickmore, in the House of Correction, for returning to Redbourne, from whence she had been removed, without bringing a certificate. Draft Sessions Book I/43.

Richard Lewis sentenced to seven years' hard labour, for stopping William Ashwell on the highway and threatening his life by holding a pistol at his breast. Pleaded guilty. Recognizances of William Ashwell to prosecute, and Richard Bockett, John Camfield, George Hewson and Thomas Beck, to give evidence. Draft Sessions Book I/43-44.

Thomas Hatchman to be whipped and discharged, for stealing a bullock's cheek, etc., from John Buckmaster. Recognizances of the said John to prosecute, and William Cain to give evidence. Draft Sessions Book I/43-44.

John Gibbs to be whipped at the Market Cross and discharged, for stealing two geese of Samuel Grunnett. Recognizance of the said Samuel to prosecute. Draft Sessions Book I/44.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1778.

Appointment of William Toovey as chief constable of the liberty, in the place of James Pope. Sessions Book I/258, and Draft Sessions Book I/49.

Order that there be constructed for the liberty gaol "a new and substantial inner lattice door and door-case, with the distance between the bars to be only one inch and a half, sufficiently plated with iron, and proper fastening to the same." Sessions Book I/258.

Order to pay John Bradshaw £7 for carpenters' work done to High Bridge. Sessions Book I/258, and Draft Sessions Book I/50.

Order to pay Joseph Siggins £1 15s. 0d. for blacksmiths' work done to the gaol. Sessions Book I/259, and Draft Sessions Book I/50.



Order to pay John Bradshaw £10 1s. 11d. for carpenter's work done to the gaol. Sessions Book I/260, and Draft Sessions Book I/50.

Appointment of William Kiff as constable of St. Michael's, in the place of Francis ——.\* Sessions Book I/260, and Draft Sessions Book I/50.

Order to divert 133 poles of the highway (now 9 feet wide) leading from Rickmersworth and Cheneys towards the village of Sarrat, from the paper mill occupied by Charles Stevens to the gate of the house called Goldingtons occupied by William Parry, which highway is both narrow and inconvenient, so that it runs in a straight line from the "lane" [i.e., highway] leading from the turnpike road between Rickmersworth and Cheneys, on the west side of the river, across the same river in a line south and north, and so northwards between two fields of the said William Parry, until it comes into the old highway at the almshouse, between "the church" and the dwelling-house of the said William Parry; the said new highway not to exceed 30 feet in width. Sessions Book I/265-266.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1778.

Mary Wood adjudged an incorrigible rogue. To be imprisoned in the House of Correction, and kept at hard labour for twelve months. Draft Sessions Book I/53.

Order to pay William Hall £5 19s. 8¼d. for carpenter's work, and William Sweepston £6 16s. 0d. for smith's work, done to the gaol. Sessions Book I/269, and Draft Sessions Book I/53.

Order to pay Joseph Handley, M.D., £3 6s. 6d. for sundry attendances at the gaol, and medicine. Sessions Book I/269, and Draft Sessions Book I/53.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1778.

Appointment of Philip Morgan as constable of Coddicott, in the place of William Ewington. Sessions Book I/272, and Draft Sessions Book I/57.

\*Name illegible.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1779.

James Stratford, convicted of "grand larceny," ordered to be sent to work on the river Thames for three years. Draft Sessions Book I/59.

John Hanscomb and Edward Claxton, convicted of "grand larceny," to be publicly whipped in the market place of St. Albans and imprisoned for fourteen days. Recognizance of William Smith to prosecute. Draft Sessions Book I/59-60.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1779.

Appointment of George Matthews as chief constable of the liberty, in the place of William Toovey. Sessions Book I/282, and Draft Sessions Book I/65 and 68.

Order to pay Joseph Handley, M.D., mayor of St. Albans, £1 19s. 0d. for attendances at the gaol. Sessions Book I/283, and Draft Sessions Book I/65.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £7 6s. 2d. for publicly whipping divers persons. Sessions Book I/284, and Draft Sessions Book I/65.

Order to pay £7 13s. 9d. to William Johnson for bricklayers' work done to the gaol. Sessions Book I/284, and Draft Sessions Book I/65.

Order to pay John Bradshaw £1 1s. 7d. for carpenter's work done to High Bridge. Sessions Book I/284, and Draft Sessions Book I/65.

Allowance to Jonathan Parsons, maltster, of Sandridge, of the sum of £4 1s 0d., which he had paid as duty on 108 Winchester bushels of malt, which were afterwards destroyed by fire at his malt-house. Sessions Book I/288, and Draft Sessions Book I/68.

Order to pay Mary Bowley, keeper of the gaol, £8 17s. 0d. for the maintenance of two deserters, and £1 2s. 0d. for the maintenance of William Hall, "a prest man." Sessions Book I/290, and Draft Sessions Book I/68.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1779.

The recognizance of Thomas Tintensor, indicted at the last sessions, is discharged, "he now being dead." Draft Sessions Book I/72.

Order that a certain highway, leading from the west end of Black Lion Lane, in the parish of Shenley, to Newburys and Radlet, in the parish of Aldenham, which is not of sufficient breadth, nor can be conveniently widened as it now is, be diverted over the lands of Richard, Viscount Howe; the new highway to be made, and arches of brick work to be built over a small "run" of water, which passes the highway, at the sole expense of the said Lord Howe.

And whereas the new highway, when diverted, will pass through the parishes of Shenley and of Ridge, and into the hamlet of Theobald Street, in the parish of Aldenham, and whereas the surveyor of each of the said parishes and hamlet is empowered to make agreement with the said Lord Howe for a recompence to be made for such ground for the new highway, it is now ordered that the old highway now lying in the said parishes and hamlet be given to the said Lord Howe in recompence for the ground of the new highway. The ditches and fences to be made at the sole expense of Lord Howe, and maintained by the respective owners of the said ditches and fences.

It is further ordered that the said new highway, when made, shall be deemed a public highway and be repaired and maintained by the same parishes or persons whose duty it was to repair the old highway; except such part of the said new highway as shall pass through the parish of Ridge, which shall be repaired and maintained at the sole expense of Lord Howe and of all future owners and possessors of the house and estate adjoining, called Porters Lodge, for which purpose it is agreed that the composition money charged on the estate of Lord Howe shall be applied. And when the said new highway be made and certified, the interest of the said Lord Howe in the ground of the same, shall be for ever divested out of him, saving nevertheless unto the lord or lords of the manor or manors through

which the said road shall run, all manorial rights and privileges.

And whereas a certain other ancient highway, leading from the west end of Black Lion Lane towards Green Street, and situate equally between the said parishes of Shenley and Ridge, has been for long "quitted and forsaken, and become useless and unnecessary," it is ordered that the same highway be stopped up for fifty-four poles, and the soil thereof sold to Viscount Howe, who is lord of the manor whereof the said highway is part, and whose lands adjoin the highway on each side, at the rate of £10 per acre, saving a passage through and over the same to the owners and occupiers of lands adjoining to the present gates of their respective fields and ground, "in their way from Green Street." Sessions Book I/293-294, and Draft Sessions Book I/72.

Order for the repair of the windows of the gaol, "under the direction of Mr. Mayor." Sessions Book I/295, and Draft Sessions Book I/72.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1780.

John Austin sworn constable for Codicot, in the place of Philip Morgan. Draft Sessions Book I/78.

The Clerk of the Peace is directed to write to "every justice," informing him that it is resolved "that no relief be paid to the families of any militia man in actual service, unless an order from some justice be produced to the overseer directing the allowance, previous to the payment of such relief; and that such order do limit the time of such allowance or relief, and not be granted unless on full proof of the wants and necessities of the militia man's family. Sessions Book I/304, and Draft Sessions Book I/80.

Appointment of John Sparrow, of Watford, gentleman, as chief constable of the liberty, in the place of George Matthews. Sessions Book I/305, and Draft Sessions Book I/78.

Appointments of Thomas Jackson as constable for Windridge, in the place of John Reyns, John Austin for Coddicot, in the

place of Phillip Morgan, and John George for St. Michael's. Sessions Book I/308-309, and Draft Sessions Book I/78.

Order to pay the undermentioned sums for work done to the gaol :—

William Johnson, bricklayer, £1 15s. 4d.

Joseph Compton, glazier, £2 15s. 5d.

Sessions Book I/311, and Draft Sessions Book, I/79.

Appointment of Ann Hunt as conveyer of vagrants, in the place of her late husband, William Hunt. Sessions Book I/311, and Draft Sessions Book I/79.

“An indictment found against the highways of the parish of St. Stephen's.” Draft Sessions Book I/80.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1780.

Hannah Lincoln to be publicly whipped and imprisoned for three calendar months, for stealing a linen gown, etc., the property of Ann Catton, who prosecutes. Draft Sessions Book, I/82-84.

Elizabeth Althorp to be whipped and imprisoned for three months' for stealing a sheet from the Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Chipping Barnet. Draft Sessions Book I/83.

Mr. Cowper to have a *venire* (?) on a bill of indictment found at the last sessions against the inhabitants of St. Stephen's for a nuisance. Draft Sessions Book I/86 and 89.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1780.

Sarah Cook to be imprisoned for six months for stealing a parcel of tea and a pair of shoe-soles, the property of John Shephard. Recognizances of John Shephard and William Allen to prosecute the “woman, who says her name is Sarah Cook.” Draft Sessions Book I/89-90.

William Peacock, for assaulting John Aldwin and breaking the windows of the workhouse of the parish of St. Stephen's, and for refusing to find sureties to keep the peace towards Margaret, his wife. Recognizance of the said John Aldwin to prosecute. Draft Sessions Book I/89-90.



Recognizance of John Ealey, for his appearance to prosecute, in an appeal against his assessment for repairing the highways of Idlestree. The appeal is respited. Draft Sessions Book I/90 and 95.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1781.

William Peacock committed, by order of Michaelmas Sessions last, till this session for an assault on John Aldwin and breaking of the workhouse windows. "Thought to be mad." Draft Sessions Book I/93.

Order on an appeal by the Reverend Peter Newcome against the accounts of the late surveyors of the highways of Idlestree. Recognizances of the said Reverend Peter Newcome and John Rudge, for the appearance of the former to prosecute. Sessions Book I/326, and Draft Sessions Book I/95.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1781.

Order to levy £250 from the poor rate for the general purposes of the county; the amount of assessment of each parish is given. Sessions Book I/332-333, and Draft Sessions Book I/100.

Appointment of Daniel Rolfe Munn, of Watford, as chief constable of the liberty in the place of John Sparrow. Sessions Book I/336, and Draft Sessions Book I/99.

Order to repair the windows of the House of Correction. Sessions Book I/336, and Draft Sessions Book I/99.

Appointments of Thomas Oney as constable of Coddicote in the place of John Austin, William Farey as constable of Redbourne in the place of William Lee, and Robert Fellows as constable of St. Michael's. Sessions Book I/336, and Draft Sessions Book I/99.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1781.

John Deacon committed at last sessions for stealing a silver mug. [Note in margin:—"enlisted in the Marines".] Draft Sessions Book I/103.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1781.

Sarah Dogget committed for felony; the case adjourned till next sessions, the prosecutor having small-pox. Recognizances of Mary Mills and William Cain to prosecute and give evidence. Draft Sessions Book I/106-107.

Order to increase the salaries of high constables from £2 to £3 a year. Sessions Book I/352, and Draft Sessions Book I/108.

Order to pay Thomas Chambers 18s. 9d. in discharge of his last account for repairs done to High Bridge, and £1 1s. 6d. for repairs done this year to the same bridge. Sessions Book I/352, and Draft Sessions Book I/108.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1782.

Order to pay John Kent £3 for glazier's work done by him at the House of Correction. Sessions Book I/355, and Draft Sessions Book I/113.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1782.

Henry Payne committed for stealing one fowl, the property of Stephen Roberts. "Listed for a soldier." Draft Sessions Book I/115.

Appointment of Richard Hannsle (?) as constable of the parish of St. Michael's; the name of his predecessor is not given. Draft Sessions Book I/115.

Order that Mr. Pembroke, Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Osborn, or any two of them, survey the liberty gaol, and direct such repairs to be done as seem necessary, and report at the next sessions. Draft Sessions Book I/116.

Order that persons committed to the gaol by the Court of Conscience shall pay 5s. for their discharge and no more. Draft Sessions Book I/117.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1782.

Payment of accounts for work done at the gaol. Draft Sessions Book I/122.

Samuel Dagnall sworn chief constable of St. Stephen's in the place of Gilbert Kinder, and Joseph Bunn appointed constable of Tittenhanger in the place of John Griswell. Draft Sessions Book I/122.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1782.

Ordered that the composition for "team duty" [payable by?] the hamlet of Tittenhanger, for the parish of St. Peter's, be six shillings. Draft Sessions Book I/127.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1783.

James Chilton to be publicly whipped and discharged for stealing a shirt, etc., from the workhouse of St. Michael's. Draft Sessions Book I/129.

"Complaint being made unto this court that the treasurer for the county of Middlesex refuses, upon various pretences, to pay the several orders of the justices of this liberty, relative to the allowances to militia men and their families, and in particular has assigned as a reason that he never was so poor that he could not pay the whole of the money, the justices of this liberty do hereby order their clerk of the peace to write a letter to the chairman of the quarter sessions for the county of Middlesex, acquainting him with the above circumstances; and that this court, unless they think proper to interfere on the occasion, will order the treasurer for the county of Middlesex to be prosecuted if he shall be guilty of such neglect or misbehaviour in future."\* Draft Sessions Book I/131.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1783.

Susannah Hughes to be imprisoned for six weeks and privately whipped for stealing two silver tea spoons, the property of the Reverend Richard Carlos Smith, who prosecutes. Draft Sessions Book I/133-134.

John Maile, the younger, and George Maile, the elder, committed for three months, or until they pay £15 (*sic*), for snaring three hares. Draft Sessions Book I/133.

\*This entry is given *verbatim*; its meaning is obscure.

William Toovey appointed chief constable of the liberty in the place of Daniel Rolfe Mann (?). Draft Sessions Book I/135.

Order for the militia money to be levied from several parishes (named). Draft Sessions Book I/136.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1783.

David Stratton, for stealing a pair of cotton stockings, the property of John Hodsdon; to be remanded to gaol and publicly whipped. Draft Sessions Book I/139.

Order to pay Ann Hunt, conveyer of vagrants, £10 10s. 0d. for extraordinary expenses, mainly caused by the disbanding of the army. Draft Sessions Book I/142.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1783.

William Davenport, for stealing a pair of stockings, etc., the property of Thomas Hodsdon, who prosecutes; to be imprisoned for three months, and publicly whipped next market day. Draft Sessions Book I/145-146.

James White committed for two months, or until he pays 40s., for forcibly passing through the turnpike gate at St. Albans. Draft Sessions Book I/145.

List of sixteen petty constables fined 10s. each. Draft Sessions Book I/146.

Appointment of John Kinder as constable of Tittenhanger in the place of Joseph Bunn. Draft Sessions Book I/147.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1784.

John Evans, for stealing three bushels of wheat, the property of Amor Stopford. Recognizances of the said Amor to prosecute, and of William Cain to give evidence. To be publicly whipped at Watford. Draft Sessions Book I/150-153.

William Crawshaw, for stealing a watch and chain with two seals, the property of William Henry Bolt. Recognizances of the said Bolt to prosecute, and of George Arthur to answer for receiving the stolen property. To be whipped and im-

prisoned for three weeks, and then passed to his parish. Draft Sessions Book I/151 and 154.

William Edge, for breaking into the hen house of the Earl of Essex, and stealing fowls. To be whipped at Watford, and imprisoned for two years. Draft Sessions Book I/152-153.

James Edge and Ann Wright, for stealing thirty-four ducks, the property of John Wilmin. The said James to be publicly whipped and imprisoned for two years, and the said Ann discharged. Draft Sessions Book I/152-153.

Henry Keigin, commonly called Henry the Sailor, for stealing five geese; to be publicly whipped at Watford. Draft Sessions Book I/152.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1784.

William Burch, for stealing a silver watch, etc., the property of Joseph Foster; to be privately whipped and discharged immediately. Draft Sessions Book I/159.

Edward Howard appointed chief constable of Rickmansworth, in the place of William Toovey. Draft Sessions Book I/160.

John Camp and Aaron Tyler sworn constables of Paul's Walden. Draft Sessions Book I/162.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1784.

Indictment of John Anderson, for obtaining money by false pretences from Mary and Sarah Dolemore; to be publicly whipped at Watford next market day. Sureties, John Payne and Richard Hopkins. Sessions Roll I/1, 3, and Draft Sessions Book I/167, 168.

Abraham Bean committed for stealing a "nutmegrator" and 10s. 6d. in silver, the property of the Honourable William Grimston. Draft Sessions Book I/167.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll I/9, 10, 11, and Draft Sessions Book I/168.

Order as to repairs at the Gaol:—"To continue the walls of the lodge so as to take in the doorway leading to the gaol



keeper's apartments, and make an additional window by the side of the front door of lodge, and pave the floor to correspond with what is ordered in contract, but no cellar to be made at the expence of this liberty." Draft Sessions Book I/168.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1784.

Indictment of James Shepherd, for stealing two scythes and a "snarth." Discharged. Sessions Roll II/1, 4, 7, and Draft Sessions Book I/171, 172.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll II/13-15, and Draft Sessions Book I/171.

Appointment of John Wane as constable of the hamlet of Tittenhanger in the place of John Kinder. Draft Sessions Book I/173.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1785.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll III/28-31.

Order that Mr. Osborne and Mr. Pembroke inspect the House of Correction. Draft Sessions Book I/182.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1785.

Presentment that a certain part of the common highway leading from St. Albans to Luton, at a place called "Bernard Heath," in the parish of Saundridge, is very ruinous and in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Saundridge ought to repair the same. Sessions Roll IV/1.

Order for the payment of various accounts for repairs to the Liberty Gaol, and for "glazing" at the Town Hall. Draft Sessions Book I/188-189.

The levy to be £600. Draft Sessions Book I/189.

Proposal that the gaoler's salary be increased by £24, in lieu of his vending liquors. Draft Sessions Book I/189.

Order as to payments to ——— Fulcher, in regard to surveying the works of the gaol. Draft Sessions Book I/189.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1785.

John Prentise, of South Mims, appointed conveyer of vagrants.  
Draft Sessions Book I/196.

Levi Lavender, one of the high constables of the liberty, dismissed from his office, for insulting the justices, and refusing to obey the last order respecting vagrants; Leonard Dell, salesman, of Barnet, is appointed in his place. [*N.B.*—In October, 1785, John Johnson was sworn chief constable “in the place of Levi Lavender.”] Draft Sessions Book I/196, 197.

Order to pay William Wingrave, constable of Caddington £1 12s. 0d. for the conveying of vagrants. Draft Sessions Book I/197.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll V/13, 15.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1785.

Samuel Chester ordered to be removed to Hertford for stealing two cows, the property of John Dolling. Draft Sessions Book I/203.

Indictment of Charles Kilby, late of Watford, apothecary, and John Ailway, for assaulting William Simmons. Sureties, Isaac Shipton and William Kingston. Recognizance of William Simmons to prosecute. Sessions Roll VI/20-22, and Draft Sessions Book I/205-206.

John Johnston sworn chief constable for this liberty in place of Levi Lavender. [*N.B.*—Levi Lavender was succeeded in July last by Leonard Dell as “one of the high constables.”] Draft Sessions Book I/196-197.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll VI/17, 18 and 28.

Appointment of William Sedgwick, of Rickmersworth, as chief constable in place of “Mr.” Howard. Draft Sessions Book I/206.

Ordered that an “estimate” be prepared of the “condition, defects and want of repairs,” of the House of Correction of the liberty, in order to bring the building within the requirements of the Act 22 George III (relative to Houses of

Correction), the mayor of St. Albans having, on 25th July last, reported it to be "insufficient." Draft Sessions Book I/207.

Ordered that the keeper of the House of Correction do (in accordance with the last above-named Act) lay before the justices, at the next sessions, an account of all rogues and vagabonds in the liberty of St. Albans, committed by any acting magistrate between Christmas 1783, and Christmas 1785. Draft Sessions Book I/207a.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1786.

Ordered that the area of the new gaol be paved with Yorkshire flag, and that the same be under the inspection of the justices of the liberty living within the borough of St. Albans. Draft Sessions Book I/215.

Ordered that John Kingston and Mr. Newcome consider the estimates for the repairs of the House of Correction, and order what seems to them necessary. Draft Sessions Book I/215.

List of persons "proper" to serve the office of constable in "Tittenher [*sic*] Hamlett." Sessions Roll VII/8.

"This court, taking into consideration the great expence of conveying and passing vagrants, and the great neglect of the peace officers in respect of the apprehending and taking such vagrants into custody, and, when taken into custody, not putting the Act of Parliament in force which directs the mode of their treatment and punishment and conveyance to the place of their settlement, doth therefore strictly charge and command all high constables, petty constables, headboroughs and other peace officers, to apprehend and take into custody all persons coming into this liberty, that by the Acts of Parliament now in force are denominated vagrants, and as soon as they shall be apprehended this court doth order them to be taken before the next justice of peace, to be dealt with as the Act of Parliament directs.

"And for the better information of such high constables, petty constables, headboroughs and peace officers, they are to take notice that all persons going about as alms gatherers for loss by fire or other casualty, or as collectors for goals,

or fencers, or bearwards, or exhibiting shows, or players of interludes, comedys, tragedys, plays, operas or farces, or minstrels, jugglers or gypsies wandering in form or habit of Egyptians, or telling fortunes or using subtil craft to deceive the King's subjects, or playing at unlawful games, or that run away from their familys and leave them chargeable to the parish, and also petty chapmen not licensed, or persons lying abroad, and lodging in barns and outhouses, and not giving a good account of themselves, wandering and begging as soldiers or seafaring men, not having licence so to do, or pretending to go to work in harvest and wandering abroad and begging, are deemed vagrants by the laws of this realm [and] are the persons they are hereby strictly charged and commanded to apprehend and take before the nearest justice of peace for this county.

“And this court doth earnestly recommend to every acting magistrate in this liberty, to put the said Act strictly into execution, first searching their bundles and parcels to see if they are able to pay for their passing, and if they shall be found returning again, then enforcing the punishment the law has directed, and treating them as incorrigible rogues and vagabonds.

“And for the better enforcing this order, this court doth direct that this order be printed, and a sufficient number of copys be sent to all constables, who are directed to affix the same at the church doors, and in the most publick places in their respective parishes, and also to send a sufficient number of such papers to all acting magistrates.” Draft Sessions Book I/215a.

Edward Poulton, of St. Albans, baker, licensed to keep an ale-house called “the Peacock,” in the parish of St. Peter, William Crawley, of St. Albans, butcher, licensed to keep an ale-house called “the Falcon,” in the parish of St. Peter; and Barnet Horne, of the parish of St. Peter, victualler, licensed to keep an ale-house “at the sign of the Chequer,” in the said parish. Sessions Roll VII/20, 21 and 23.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll VII/17-19.



## EASTER SESSIONS, 1786.

Indictment of John White, and of John Page, servant to John Adams, of Daventry, in the county of Northants, and driver of his common stage waggon from Daventry to London. The said John Page confesses that he has frequently sold his master's butter to John White, of London Colney, unknown to his said master, and lately sold "a flatt" of his said master's butter, weighing about fifty pounds, "for only sixpence a pound, tho' it was honestly worth a shilling a pound." Recognizance of John Adams to prosecute. Sessions Roll VIII/22, 25, 26, 31 and 33, and Draft Sessions Book I/219, 220, 222 and 223.

James Whalley, otherwise Worley, indicted for assaulting Thomas Aspray on the King's highway with intent to commit robbery. No true bill. Recognizances of Thomas Aspray to prosecute, and of Richard Harmar, Charles Tatlock and Richard Rowe and Edward Whalley, as sureties for the defendant. Sessions Roll VIII/24, 27, 41, and Draft Sessions Book I/220, 222 and 223.

Confirmation of the conviction, by Thomas Clutterbuck, esquire, of Samuel Ellinthorpe. He had been convicted, and fined £10 and costs, under the Hawkers' and Pedlars' Act, for having opened a shop in Rickmansworth and exposed goods for sale there, he being neither a householder in Rickmansworth, nor having taken out the requisite licence. Sessions Roll VIII/17 and 19, and Draft Sessions Book I/223.

Appointment of Joseph Reynolds as constable of Windridge Ward. Draft Sessions Book I/224.

Ordered that petty constables attend every Quarter Sessions for the liberty. Draft Sessions Book I/224.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll VIII/44, 45 and 46.

Certificate of the justices that they have viewed part of a highway over a certain common called Bernards Heath, in the parish of Saundridge, and that the same is well and effectually repaired. Sessions Roll VIII/13.



## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1786.

Indictment of Samuel Baker and Joseph Fairbank, late of Watford, on suspicion of stealing a piece of iron from the dwelling house of Mr. Careless. To be taken to Watford and confined in the cage there for one night, and then publicly whipped and discharged. Recognizances of Jeremiah Geary and William Careless, inn-holder, of Watford, to prosecute, and of Thomas Evens as surety. Sessions Roll IX/7, 8, 9, 14, 17, and Draft Sessions Book II/1, 3.

Indictment of James Manley "on suspicion of stealing three cloth coats." Recognizances of Joseph Chester and John Long to prosecute. Sentenced to twelve months in the liberty gaol and to be publicly whipped. Sessions Roll IX/4, 5, 6; and Draft Sessions Book II/1, 4.

"An estimate of repairs to be done to the House of Correction belonging to the liberty gaol of St. Albans. Taken February 4th, 1786":—

"To the room over the Gateway," new oak sills, repairs to jambs, shutters, etc., glazing, cleaning lock, etc.;

"To the room over the kitchen," repairing jambs with new oak plank, shutters, cleaning lock, etc.;

"Bridewell Lodge," new pulleys to sash frames, rehanging old glass, hanging new outside shutters, repairing wainscoat within the lodge, etc.;

"Whole work to be done for £14 8s. 0d." Sessions Roll IX/1.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll IX/20-22.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1786.

Jonathan Punn charged, by the Reverend John Willis, with running away from his service—being his apprentice—and with taking away his clothes, and stealing a handkerchief. Draft Sessions Book II/9.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll X/18, 19.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1787.

Joseph Gutteridge indicted for improperly assaulting Joseph Con, who prosecutes. To be imprisoned six months and to be set in the pillory at Rickmersworth for one hour. Sessions Roll XI/7 and 9, and Draft Sessions Book II/21 and 23.

James Norris charged with the theft of two two-penny loaves, or "bricks," from the shop of Robert Ward, of Watford. Recognizance of Robert Ward to prosecute. No true bill. Sessions Roll XI/5, 6 and 8, and Draft Sessions Book II/21 and 23.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XI/1, 2 and 3.

Information, by the gaoler, that the place for the reception of deserters is much out of repair. Order that it be forthwith repaired. Draft Sessions Book II/24.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1787.

Daniel Whitlock, Joseph Cheworth and James Dearmer, indicted for stealing a silver watch, valued at 40s., the property of Samuel Smith. Recognizances of Samuel Smith, to prosecute, and of Elizabeth, wife of the said Samuel Smith, to give evidence. Ordered to be publicly whipped on Saturday next, and again in five weeks' time, and then dismissed. Sessions Roll XII/3, and Draft Sessions Book II/28.

Lists of constables and jurors. Sessions Roll XII/35-37.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1787.

Ann, wife of Thomas Arnold, indicted for stealing a "mahogany teachest, containing a silver spoon, one guinea in gold and fourteen shillings and sixpence in silver," the property of Humphry Buckle, of Chipping Barnet. Recognizances of Humphry Buckle and Sarah Cook as sureties for Elizabeth, the wife of the said Humphry, to prosecute. Ordered to be imprisoned for six months, and to be privately whipped a week before the expiration of her imprisonment. Sessions Roll XIII/8, 13 and Draft Sessions Book II/35, 37.

Nathaniel Carter indicted for stealing a quantity of iron from the gates of Henry Worster, of Chipping Barnet. Ordered to be imprisoned for one week, and to be publicly whipped. Sessions Roll XIII/6, 12, and Draft Sessions Book II/35, 37.

James Bigg indicted for fishing "in the royalty of the river" of Thomas Brand, esquire, of Paul's Walden, and "taking thereout five trout; for taking one trout from the water in the enclosed part of the said Thomas Brand's water; for refusing to pay the penalty for fishing in the said river or to give bail for his appearance at the next Quarter Sessions; and for having in his custody nets to take fish, he not being qualified by the law of the realm." Discharged. Draft Sessions Book II/36.

"The King's proclamation being read, and the same being taken into consideration, this court doth recommend to the acting magistrates of the different divisions within this liberty, that they do exert themselves to the utmost of their power to prevent the commission of the different crimes and misdemeanours which are stated in the said proclamation." Draft Sessions Book II/39.

Order to repay Mr. John Johnson, one of the high constables of this liberty, the account of Mr. John Conner, for expenses in attending a meeting of the magistrates of this liberty at the Mitre Inn at Barnet, in order to suppress an intended riot. The bill contains the following items:—

							£	s.	d.
40 dinners at 1s. 6d. each	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Beer	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	6
Wine	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Punch	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	6
Horses	...	...	...	...	...	..	0	4	0
Tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	6
Servants	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0
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							£6	9	6

Sessions Roll XIII/10, 11, and Draft Sessions Book II/39.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XIII/26-28.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1787.

Order to pay the following bills :—

	£	s.	d.
Samuel Lines, for fees and maintenance of prisoners ... ..	32	0	8
Joseph Law, surgeon and apothecary, for medicine for the prisoners* ... ..	4	5	0
Francis Kingston, surgeon and apothecary, for medicines provided for the prisoners*	17	6	3
Sessions Roll XIV/1-4 and Draft Sessions Book II/49.			

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XIV/12-15.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1788.

John Watts, indicted for obtaining money by false pretences from the overseers of Abbots Langley. Recognizance of John Betts to prosecute. Ordered to be put in the pillory in St. Albans, and imprisoned for one year. Sessions Roll XV/3, 10 and Draft Sessions Book II/57, 59.

John Tedder, of St. Albans, indicted for stealing seven fat ducks, the property of Lord Howe. Recognizances of John Crockford to prosecute and of William Towfield and Joseph Ricket to give evidence. Transported for seven years. Sessions Roll XV/14, 20, 21, 22, and Draft Sessions Book II/58, and 59.

Elizabeth Rolfe, indicted for stealing a pair of shoes, the property of James Hopkins. To be privately whipped and “passed home to her settlement.” Sessions Roll XV/5, 16 and Draft Sessions Book II/58, 59.

Rebecca, wife of George Wilson, of Watford, and Joseph Wilson, indicted for stealing a pair of boots, the property of Thomas Baynes. Rebecca Wilson found not guilty, and Joseph Wilson ordered to be privately whipped and discharged. Sessions Roll XV/8, 11-13, 18.

Order for the diversion of a footpath in the parish of St. Stephen, in the liberty of St. Albans, leading from Aldenham, in the

\*Details given.

said liberty, through a farmyard called Worshall *alias* Worrall to Brickett Wood ; and certificate that the same is completed. Plan. Sessions Roll XV/19.

Lists of jurors and constables, and writ. Sessions Roll XV/24-26.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1788.

William Bond and Joseph Norcot indicted for stealing a piece of mutton, the property of Brian Cassady and Patrick Dun Livy (Levy). Both to be whipped at St. Albans and then discharged. Session Roll XVI/7, 10 and 11, and Draft Sessions Book II/63 and 64.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XVI/18-20.

Order to pay accounts and bills ; the bills include Mary Twitchell's for privately whipping Thomas Turner and Hester Seagrave, 10s., and accounts of the constables of Redbourn and the borough of St. Albans, for attendance at the time John Watts was put in the pillory. Sessions Roll XVI/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 and 13, and Draft Sessions Book II/64 and 65.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1788.

William Perry indicted for stealing one gander from the barn of William Howard, of Roe Hyde, in the parish of St. Peter ; and Thomas Howard and John Seers, for stealing five ducks and three hens, the property of Richard Howard. Perry discharged and Thomas Howard and John Seers ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll XVII/14, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 42 and 43, and Draft Sessions Book II/68, 70 and 71.

Recognizances of Michael Welch, for assaulting Anasticia, his wife, and of William Wilson and Samuel Smith, as his sureties. Depositions of the said Anasticia, showing that the said Michael was a gardener to the Duchess of Rutland, at her seat at Green Grove, near Chipping Barnet, and that the said assault took place in the said Duchess's grounds. Sessions Roll XVII/3, 41, and Draft Sessions Book II/71, 75, 76 and 77.



Information of John Symcoe, "supervisor" of excise, against Sarah Phillips, for selling spirituous liquors without having paid for a licence. Phillips is fined 12s. Sessions Roll XVII/20 and 21.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XVII/51-53.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1788.

John Tedder, Thomas Howard and John Sears, convicted of felony and ordered to be transported for seven years, remain in the Liberty Gaol. Draft Sessions Book II/83 and 105.

John Chapman committed for stealing a pair of leather shoes, the property of Moses Brace, of Watford. To be publicly whipped at Watford and confined one week in the gaol of the liberty and then discharged. Sessions Roll XVIII/8, 16 17, and Draft Sessions Book II/84 and 85.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XVIII/21-23, and Draft Sessions Book II/87.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1789.

William Long committed for stealing a "foul weather waistcoat," a pair of leather breeches and a guinea in gold, the property of William Ginger, of Watford. Sessions Roll XIX/8, 15 and 19, and Draft Sessions Book II/91 and 93.

Indictment and conviction of Peter Body and Robert Bence, for stealing one truss of oat straw and two bushels of barley from William Timberlake *alias* Timberlick, of Watford. Both to be publicly whipped at Watford, and imprisoned for three months in the liberty gaol. Sessions Roll XIX/7, 16, 17, 18, and Draft Sessions Book II/91 and 93.

Licence, after an enquiry on a writ of *ad quod damnum*, to William Lee Antonie, esquire, to take in and enclose "a certain footway lying and being between Totteridge and Barnet Common in the county of Hertford, and leading from the road at Totteridge, through a farm yard of William Lee Antonie, esquire, now in the tenure or occupation of John Fiott, esquire, and a lane of the said William Lee Antonie, leading from the said farm yard to a field of him the said

William Lee Antonie called Chalkfield, now in the occupation of Richard Bingham, Samuel Bingham and Edward Bingham, and round the east end of the said field, over a bridge, into a field of him the said William Lee Antonie, in the parish of Chipping Barnet, in the county of Hertford, called the Great Whitings, to the gate of the said field leading to Barnet Common, in the said parish of Chipping Barnet, containing in length, from the Totteridge Road to the said gate leading to Barnet Common, 1,260 yards, and in width about 3 feet." To hold the said footway so enclosed to the said William Lee Antonie and his heirs, for ever. No appeal being made, the same was enrolled among the records of this Sessions, according to the statute. Draft Sessions Book II/94 and 95.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XIX/26-28.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1789.

Sarah Gower committed for stealing a "clout," a lace tucker, a piece of lace and a quantity of ribbon, the property of John Kilby. The said Sarah to be imprisoned for one week, and to be privately whipped before she is discharged. Sessions Roll XX/2, 7 and 13, and Draft Sessions Book II/105 and 107.

Presentment, "that a certain part of the King's common highway, commonly called Aldenham Common, commencing at the Lane's End called Aldenham Lane and ending at the King's Head, Caldicot Hill," lying in the parish of Aldenham, for the length of 2,321 yards and breadth of 24 feet, is in want of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Aldenham ought to repair it. Sessions Roll XX/1, and Draft Sessions Book II/108.

List of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XX/29-31.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1789.

The surveyors of the highways of the parish of Aldenham appeared and pleaded not guilty to the presentment made against the inhabitants of the said parish at the last Quarter Session. Draft Sessions Book II/110.

Rocognizances of James Sleate and James Payer to appear and try their traverse to the presentment made by Charles Mason, esquire, and the Reverend Peter Newcome, against the inhabitants of Aldenham for not repairing a certain highway in the said parish. Draft Sessions Book II/111.

Order to pay £4 9s. 6½d., being two-thirds of the amount of the account for carpenters and bricklayers' work done to the Grand Jury Room, the other third thereof being charged to the Borough levy. Draft Sessions Book II/111.

List of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXI/10-12.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1789.

John Tedder, Thomas Howard and John Sears, remain in gaol under sentence of transportation. Draft Sessions Book II/113.

Conviction of Edmund Edwards, for stealing, out of the barn of William Rafield, a bushel and three pecks of wheat. Found guilty and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and, on Saturday next, and on the Saturday before the expiration of his sentence, to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. Sessions Roll XXII/1, 8, 22, 23, and Draft Sessions Book II/114 and 115.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXII/31-33.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1790.

Petition of John Greenway, innholder, of the "Rose and Crown," Watford, for the remission of a sentence of fourteen days passed upon him for assault. Signatures of neighbours and friends appended. Sessions Roll XXIII/1.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXIII/37-39.

John Tedder and Thomas Howard, convicted of felony, are now in the gaol under sentence of transportation for seven years. Draft Sessions Book II/121.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1790.

Account (£13 9s. 11½d.) for bricklayers' work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XXIV/5.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXIV/23-25,

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1790.

Coroner's account with names of persons on whom inquests have been held. [Note :—These accounts occur frequently, but usually without details.] Sessions Roll XXV/1.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXV/42-44.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1790.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXVI/36-38.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1791.

Account for medicines supplied to the prisoners in the "Abbey Gaol." Sessions Roll XXVII/4.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXVII/20-22.

Appointment of Nathan Colney, shopkeeper, as constable of Tittenhanger, in the place of Joshua Saunders. Draft Sessions Book II/143.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1791.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXVIII/38-40.

William Perry, William Dagnell and Abraham Bean, still in gaol, under sentence of transportation. Draft Sessions Book II/147.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1791.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXIX/15-17.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1791.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXX/20-22.

Consent of Thomas Hake, of Hedge Grove House, in the parish of Aldenham, to the diversion of a certain highway through his lands; and certificate of two justices that they have viewed the same, and that it has been diverted and put into good repair. Plan. Sessions Roll XXX/24-25.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1792.

Conviction of Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, of Chipping Barnet, for having traded as a pawnbroker, contrary to the Act 29

George III. for further regulation of the trade or business of pawnbrokers. Sessions Roll XXXI/8-17.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXI/80-32.

Appointment of Mr. Thomas Parsons, of Tittenhanger, farmer, as constable for Tittenhanger, in the room of Nathan Colyer. Draft Sessions Book II/162.

Appointment of James Hill, of Chipping Barnet, stonemason, to be one of the chief constables of the liberty, in the room of Mr. Thomas Johnson, deceased. Draft Sessions Book II/162.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1792.

Accounts for bricklayers and plasterers' work at the Liberty Gaol. The items include work on the two kitchens and "little room" in which the keepers live, and "lime-whiting" the rest of the prison, twice over, 2,131 yards. Sessions Roll XXXII/3, 4.

Estimate for painters' work at the Town Hall, 306 yards inside and 190 yards outside. Sessions Roll XXXII/5.

Account for work at the "Sessions House." Sessions Roll XXXII/6.

Account for plumbers and glaziers' work at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll XXXII/7.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXII/32, 33.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1792.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXIII/18.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1792.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXIV/3.

Oath of Benjamin Underwood that he is qualified to act as justice of the peace. Sessions Roll XXXIV/4.

Certificate by the Reverend Peter Newcome and the Reverend William Brown, justices of the peace, at a special sessions held at the house of Justinian Casamajor, esquire, at Canons, in the parish of Shenley, on 29th, August 1792:—

They have, upon view, found that "a certain part of a highway lying in the parishes of Shenley and Ridge, leading



from Well End, in the parish of Shenley, and passing near to the house of the said Justinian Casamajor, and by a place called Cross Oak, on towards the village of Ridge aforesaid," of the length, in the whole, 338 poles or thereabouts, and particularly set forth in the plan hereunto annexed, "is, in parts, narrow and incommodious to passengers, by reason of its lying lower than the lands adjoining, and thereby wet and deep and particularly bad in frost and snow."

They have also, upon view, found that another road to and from the same places, containing in length 320 poles or thereabouts, has been made (a great part at the expense of the said Justinian Casamajor) "partly along an old lane called Summers Wood Lane, and partly through the grounds of the Earl of Hardwick (which were given by the said Earl in consideration of certain other lands, which the said Earl is hereby empowered to enclose)," which said new road, as appears by the plan annexed, is "nearer and also more commodious to the public, and is properly made and is in good condition, and hath been used for some years."

They therefore order and direct that "so much of the said old highway as is between the place called Beech Tree and that called Cross Oak, and is between the letters A and B in the plan, being of the length of 218 poles and of the breadth of 30 feet, on a medium," be stopped up as now useless, and the land and soil thereof sold to the said Justinian Casamajor, whose lands adjoin thereto, saving to the lords of the manors his and their manorial rights, "and saving to the Earl of Hardwick a certain part of the said highway, as set forth in the plan and distinguished by fences in the said old highway, being the property of the said Earl; with an entrance thereinto at the north end of the said old highway called Cross Oak and marked C."

They further order that another lane, marked D in the plan, "formerly leading from the north end of Summers Wood Lane by a little rill of water, and which, before the said new highway was made, was of use to get to the lands of the said Earl, but which is now useless," be stopped up, and the land and soil thereof given to the

said Earl in lieu of the way he has given through his lands, to accommodate the public with a more commodious highway.

They finally order that the said new highway be henceforth deemed and considered as a public highway (in lieu of the old highway hereby ordered to be stopped up) and that it be in future amended by the parish of Ridge. Plan. Sessions Roll XXXIV/14-16.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1793.

Indictment of John Butcher, late of St. Marylebone, "coach-master," William Hooper, late of Chipping Barnet, tinman, and William Jacklin, *alias* William Johnson, *alias* Crab Johnson, late of St. Andrew's, Holborn, labourer, for that they did, on 8th October last, assemble at Chipping Barnet, "and being so assembled, did proceed to a certain stage or place erected or made for the purpose of public fighting, and did then and there encourage and abet two persons of the names of Patrick Walsh and Patrick Knowland, and divers other persons to the jurors aforesaid unknown, to ascend the said stage, and then and there unlawfully, riotously and routously, to fight and break the peace of our said lord the King, and, being ordered to desist from such unlawful, riotous and routous proceedings and breeches of the peace, and to disperse from such unlawful assembly, did notwithstanding obstinately, unlawfully and riotously, refuse and neglect so to do, and did persist to encourage and maintain such unlawful fighting and breach of the peace as aforesaid, and did mutually assist and encourage each other and those others so unlawfully assembled as aforesaid, to resist all attempts made by His Majesty's justices of the peace and the constables of the said parish, and of the said liberty of Saint Albans aforesaid for that purpose, and did actually so resist and oppose them, and did then and there unlawfully, riotously and routously remain and continue to make such riot, rout and disturbances for a great length of time, to wit, for the space of an hour and upwards, to the great terror and disturbance, not only of his Majesty's liege subjects there residing, but also of all other the liege subjects

of our sovereign lord the King there passing and repassing in and along the King's common highway, in contempt of our said lord the King and his laws, and to the evil and pernicious example of all others in the like case offending, and against the peace of our said lord the King, his Crown and dignity."

The aforesaid John Butcher, William Hooper, and William Jacklin were further charged with riotously assembling and uttering "divers loud and terrible shouts and hallooings," to the annoyance of residents and the disturbance of the King's subjects passing along the highway. Sessions Roll XXXV/1.

Indictment of the aforementioned Patrick Walsh, tailor, and Patrick Knowland, labourer, both "late of Chipping Barnet," for fighting. Sessions Roll XXXV/2.

Letter, dated 16th January, 1793, to the justices, from L. Henry [tailor?], of 55, Mount Street, London, regretting that he is not able to attend the court on behalf of the above named Patrick Walsh, and stating that he has "node" him as an honest and sober man above eight years, and that it is a very great loss to him his being absent "so near the Queen's birthday," and adding that he never before "new him to fight a pitch battle." Sessions Roll XXXV/16.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXV/30-32.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1793.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXVI/1 and 24.

Appointment of Thomas Whittinbury as constable of Tittenhanger, in the room of Thomas Parsons. Sessions Roll XXXVI/5, and Sessions Book II/6.

Presentment that a certain part of the highway leading from Aldenham to Bushey, near Bushey Mills, is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of Aldenham ought to repair the same. Sessions Roll XXXVI/26.

Order for the payment of £12 10s. 10d. "of the public monies belonging to this liberty," to John Boys, gentleman, being his

charges as solicitor prosecuting Patrick Walsh and others for breaking the peace at Barnet. Sessions Book II/6.

Order for the payment of two-thirds of an account for stonemasons' work at the Sessions House. Sessions Book II/6.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1793.

Certificate of certain justices that they have viewed part of the highway leading from Chipping Barnet to Watford, at Aldenham Common, commencing at the lane's end called Aldenham Lane, and ending at the King's Head, Caldicot Hill, in the parish of Aldenham, and that they find the same has been put into good repair. Sessions Roll XXXVII/5.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXVII/12, 14.

Account for work done by Richard Mason at the "Borough and Liberty House of Correction." Sessions Roll XXXVII/15, and Sessions Book II/10.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1793.

Presentment that part of the highway (670 yards in length and 4 feet in breadth) between Delrow House and Bushey Mills, in the parish of Aldenham, is out of repair, and that the parishioners of Aldenham ought to repair it. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/1 and 2.

Certificate that the above highway has been repaired. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/3.

Warrant to the parish officers of St. Peter's, to take a sum of £90, in the hands of William Cox, of Hatfield, the property of William Freeman, labourer, who had gone away and left his wife and child chargeable to St. Peter's. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/6.

Indictment of Robert Maple, of Chipping Barnet, for uttering counterfeit coin. Recognizances of Thomas Cope and Francis Gurney. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/14, 32 and 33.

Indictment of Charles Miller, John Price and others (not named) to the number of one hundred persons, for an unlawful assembly at Watford, with divers instruments of music, with



which they made a great noise, by beating and rattling of the same and blowing of horns, to the disturbance of the inhabitants. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/15.

Convictions of John Lack and Thomas Bell for purchasing, of William Pennicud, a private soldier in the Fifteenth Regiment of Light Dragoons, for the sum of 4s., certain "regimental necessaries," i.e., two shirts, three pairs of stockings marked with his name and regiment, and a pair of trousers; and, for 5s., a pair of regimental breeches. Each fined £5, and in default of payment, to be "publicly whipped at the Market Place at Watford," according to the statute. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/31.

Conviction of Joseph Butler, of Rickmansworth, for using a gun without a licence. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/34.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/50.

Order to close part of a highway and footway, in the parish of Abbot's Langley, "leading from a bridge commonly called Nash Mill Bridge unto a public house at Nash Mill End called the 'Three Tuns,'" and in lieu thereof to construct a new highway and footway, "from the foot of the said bridge across Hook Mead and Barn Mead, unto a highway leading from Gallows Hill by Nash Mill End to Hemel Hempstead, called the Upper Highway, opposite a lane leading to Keenshill otherwise Blackhill farmhouse;" and to vest in Griffith Jones, of Broad Street, London, esquire, the soil of the said old highway and footway, in consideration of his having constructed the new highway and footway over his lands; and certificate that the alterations authorised have been carried out. Plan. Sessions Roll XXXVIII/53, 54.

Order for the repairs, alterations and amendment of the inside of the Sessions House, particularly the Grand Jury Room, the place where both juries are impannelled, the two entrances into the Court, the partition between the Bench and the place where the counsel and solicitors sit, and that part of the Court where the prisoners are placed. It is also ordered that the seats on the left hand side going into the Court be converted into a box for the Grand Jury to sit, and



that a table and a sufficient number of chairs be provided and placed in the Grand Jury Room. Sessions Book II/18, 19, and Draft Sessions Book III/19.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1794.

Order for payment for work done (by order at Easter Sessions 1792) at the :—

	£	s.	d.
Sessions House, carpenters' work ...	18	4	10
Town Hall, bricklayers' work ...	1	16	0
Gaol, smiths' work ...	9	0	7
„ bricklayers' work ...	14	16	9
„ carpenters' work ...	35	3	11½
Place not specified, masons' work...	1	1	6

Draft Sessions Book III/22.

Estimate for the intended additions to “ the large room and rooms of the Liberty Gaol prison called Bridewell over the Gate-way, as also the present Bridewell rooms and the privies,” viz., to put up partitions according to the plan (details of material required are given) and to put up a partition between the men's and women's privy. (Details of work.) The whole to cost £67.

An estimate of the bricklayers and plasterers' work to be done in connection with the above alterations.

Plan of the second floor of the House of Correction for the liberty of St. Albans, and of the proposed alterations.

Account for masons' work done at the Lower Gaol, work done at the Town Hall, and work done at the Liberty Gaol, etc., etc. Sessions Roll XXXIX/1-19.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XXXIX/39 and 41.

Order for the completion of the intended repairs and alterations to the House of Correction; and for the payment of the accounts for bricklayers and carpenters' work done at the Sessions House, and for work done at the Gaol. Sessions Book II/21, 22.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1794.

Various accounts, including those for a wheel for the use of the prisoners at the Bridewell; for repairing a wheel; for

repairing the planking pulled down by a prisoner at the Bridewell; for bricklayers and plasterers' work done at the Sessions House; and for work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll XL/1-9.

Presentment by Thomas Lawford, constable of East Barnet, that, from the time of which the memory of man is not to the contrary, there was, and yet ought to be, a common footway and churchway for the use of His Majesty's subjects, leading across the lands of John Kingston, esquire, in the parish of East Barnet, from the town of Southgate, in Edmonton, to East Barnet aforesaid; and that, notwithstanding, the said John Kingston has erected, "upon" the said footway, a certain paled fence, to the stoppage and hindrance of the said King's subjects. Sessions Roll XL/10.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XL/33.

Order relating to the balance of money received by John Boys, the treasurer, from the executrix of Joseph Pembroke, gentleman, deceased, the late treasurer. Sessions Book II/23.

Order for the sum of £400 to be raised for the several uses of the liberty. List of parishes and names of High Constables are given. Sessions Book II/24, 25.

Orders for the payment of accounts for work done at the Sessions House, for "furniture" provided for the same, and for other expenses. Sessions Book II/28 and Draft Sessions Book III/26.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1794.

Estimate for "furring" that side of the Town Hall, next Dagnall's Lane, from the Council Chamber, to the "elipsisarch adjoining the court of the hall." Sessions Roll XLI/3.

Estimate of smiths' work at the borough gaol. Sessions Roll XLI/4.

Account for bricklayers and plasterers' work done at the Sessions House and Bridewell; the items include building "the new Grand Jury Room" and new lathing and plastering the "hall" (£38 6s. 6d.); and new lathing and plastering the side walls of the hall, next Dagnall's Lane. Sessions Roll XLI/7.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLI/22.

Order for the payment of accounts for repairs done to the House of Correction and the Sessions House. Sessions Book II/35, 36, and Draft Sessions Book III/30.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1794.

Order to John Kingston, of East Barnet, to appear and answer a charge of obstructing a certain common roadway (*vide ante*, p. 43). Sessions Roll XLII/9.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLII/20.

Allowance and confirmation by the justices (in pursuance of the Act 33 George III.) of "Rules, orders and regulations of a society of good fellowship, established for the purpose of raising, from time to time, by subscriptions of the several members, a stock or fund for the mutual relief and maintenance of all the members thereof in sickness or infirmity; to be held on the first Tuesday in every month, at the house known by the sign of the White Horse, at Park Street, in the parish of St. Stephen, in the liberty." Sessions Book II/46, 47 and Draft Sessions Book III/36.

Rules for societies similar to the above, to be held at the "Rose and Crown," St. Michael's; at the "Plough," Elstree; and at the "Saracen's Head," Redbourn. Draft Sessions Book III/36 and 38.

Order for the sum of £150 to be raised for the several uses of the liberty. List of parishes and high constables is given. Sessions Book II/40, 41.

Order that the cage now standing in the town of Redbourn "be removed and erected in some other part of the said town." Sessions Book II/42.

Order for the payment of an account for the hire of carriages to convey the baggage of the Sixteenth Regiment of Light Dragoons, from Chipping Barnet to some place unnamed, in September last. Sessions Book II/43.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1795.

Account (£1 2s. Od.) for glaziers' work done "at Mrs. Twitchel's, at the Bridewell." Sessions Roll XLIII/13.

Order for the payment of the last named account (the work is stated to have been done "at the House of Correction"); and for the payment of an account of the above named Mary Twitchell, "for the maintenance of soldiers' wives, and vagrants committed to her custody." Sessions Book II/56, 57 and Draft Sessions Book III/41.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLIII/14.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1795.

Accounts for a coffin for a prisoner who died in the Liberty prison, "wool" for same, and burial fees (total 18s. 4d.); also for two strong padlocks (15s.), and other work at the Liberty Gaol; and order for payment of the same. Sessions Roll XLIV/2, 3 and 4 and Session Book II/69.

Order for payment of £3 12s. 0d. to Elizabeth Blows, for two-thirds of the cost of eighteen leather-seated chairs for the Grand Jury Room, the other third being paid by the borough of St. Albans. Sessions Roll XLIV/13, Sessions Book II/69, 70 and Draft Sessions Book III/44.

Presentment that the parish of St. Peter ought to repair a certain common and ancient highway leading from the hamlet of North Mimms unto the highway from Ridge to St. Albans, a portion of which is very ruinous and in want of repair. Sessions Roll XLIV/19 and Draft Sessions Book III/43.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLIV/30.

Order for the sum of £500 to be raised for the several uses of the Liberty; a list of parishes, with names of high constables, is given, as is the amount due from each parish. Sessions Book II/62-64.

Order for the erection, over the river at Frogmore in the parish of St. Stephen, of a plain brick bridge, with one arch of the thickness of eighteen inches, the span of which is to be seventeen feet; the bridge is to be twelve feet clear in the carriage way, with brick battlement and oak coping. It is stated that the late floods have washed away and destroyed the former bridge. Sessions Book II/70.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1795.

Account for bricklayers' work at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XLV/2.

"Return of persons [two in number] enrolled as volunteers in the Navy, for the parishes of Ellstree, Aldenham, Sleep and Smallford," under the Act for raising men for the Navy. Sessions Roll XLV/8.

Similar return for the parish of Watford and Windridge Ward (four persons enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/9.

The same for the parish of St. Michael (exclusive of the Wards of Windridge and Fishpool), and also the parish of Redbourn (two persons enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/10.

The same for the parishes of Northaw, Ridge and East Barnet (two persons enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/11.

The same for the parish of Sandridge (two persons enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/12.

The same for the parish of St. Stephen, for Park Ward and the hamlet of Tittenhanger (one person enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/13.

The same for the parish of Abbot's Langley (one person enrolled.) Sessions Roll XLV/14.

The same for the parishes of Paul's Walden, Norton and Newnham (one person enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/15.

The same for the parishes of Rickmansworth and Sarratt. [N.B. This return gives a description of the persons and height of those (four in number) enrolled.] Sessions Roll XLV/16.

The same for the parish of Chipping Barnet (two persons enrolled). Sessions Roll XLV/17\*

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLV/30.

John Kingston, of East Barnet, esquire (who, at Easter Sessions, had pleaded not guilty to a presentment for stopping up a footway in the said parish), entered into a recognizance to try his traverse at Michaelmas Sessions. Draft Sessions Book III/46.

\*The above returns [Sessions Roll XLV/8-17] give the names of those enrolled, the parishes for which they serve, the place of their birth or settlement, their calling, their age, and the sums paid as bounty.



Orders for payment of accounts for various kinds of work done at the Gaol ; for making a coffin for a prisoner who died in gaol ; and for two-thirds of the cost of a stone chimney-piece in the Grand Jury Room. Draft Sessions Book III/48.

“ The order made at the last quarter sessions for prohibiting the making of any other sort of bread than standard wheaten bread, for three months, at the expiration of one month from the day of the said sessions, [is] to remain in full force.” Draft Sessions Book III/50.

“ The Court, having taken into consideration the present scarcity of bread corn, and, the unexampled dearness thereof, in order to prevent the unnecessary consumption of that article, and thereby to render it cheaper, and to alleviate, as much as possible, the distresses of the labouring poor,” do, by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the thirteenth year of his present Majesty’s reign, “ prohibit, at the expiration of one month from the date hereof, any baker or maker of bread from making, selling or exposing to sale, during the space of three months then next ensuing, any other sort of bread than standard wheaten bread,” which is to consist “ of the whole produce of the grain, the bran or hull thereof only excepted, and is to weigh three-fourth parts of the weight of the wheat whereof it is made.”

The Court is adjourned to the 8th August, so that any bakers or makers of bread may, if they wish, make any objections “ against such prohibition.” The order is to be printed in the County Chronicle and exposed in the various market towns and hamlets in the liberty, and sent to every acting magistrate within the same.

The Court, as individuals, resolve, from and after this date, not to “ consume, or suffer to be consumed, in their respective families, any sort of bread of a superior quality to the standard wheaten bread, when it can be procured,” and to prohibit, as much as is in their power, in their respective families, the consumption of flour for any other purpose. They also recommend the magistrates and gentlemen within the liberty to render every assistance to the “ labouring poor, in the present hour of their distress, and till the price of bread is reduced to such a reasonable sum

as will enable them to purchase the same from the profits of their labour." Sessions Book II/77, 78.

Orders for the payment of accounts for carpenters, smiths and stonemasons' work done to the gaol. Sessions Book II/86.

Order for the re-building of the bridge at Frogmore, at a cost of £75 10s. Od., according to the estimate of Thomas Chambers, of St. Albans, bricklayer, except that the coping is to be of stone and not of oak. It is agreed that the sum of £8 to be allowed by the said Chambers for the material of the old bridge, destroyed by the late floods, shall be paid by him to the surveyors of the highways of St. Stephen's parish, "in consideration of the expense they have been put to in making a temporary way until such time as the said bridge is re-built." Sessions Book II/87.

Order to increase, by the sum of £5 5s. Od. per annum, the salary of Mr. John Boys, the liberty treasurer, "whilst the Militia of this Kingdom is embodied and in actual service." Sessions Book II/87.

Order that "the order of sessions made in July last, relative to standard wheaten bread, remain in force, no baker or maker of bread having offered any objection thereto: and it is recommended to the acting magistrates of the liberty, who meet at Watford, Chipping Barnet and St. Albans, for the purpose of licencing the several towns, villages and hamlets in those districts, to use their utmost endeavours to put the above order into execution, by fixing the assize of bread as directed by the several Acts of Parliament in that behalf, or pursuing such other measures as may appear to them most effectual and essential to prevent the above prohibition from being frustrated, evaded or rendered ineffectual." Sessions Book II/94, 95.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1795.

Information and complaint of William Attwell, grocer's servant, charging a certain Charles Parr with the theft of bacon. Endorsed:—"Discharged on the consent of prosecution, August 11th, 1795, on occasion of entering into the Navy." Sessions Roll XLVI/24.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLVI/31.

Authorisation for the gaoler to deliver Daniel McCartney, a prisoner, to any "regulating officer in the sea service." Draft Sessions Book III/51.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1796.

Account for carpenters' work done at Frogmore Bridge. Sessions Roll XLVII/1 and 2.

Account for masons' work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XLVII/14.

Notice by John Kingston, of his intention to appear and try his traverse upon the presentment preferred against him for stopping up a certain footway in the parish of East Barnet. Sessions Roll XLVII/17.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLVII/32.

Orders (among others) for the payment of accounts for masons work done at the Gaol; for the building of Frogmore Bridge (£75 10s. 0d.); and for conveying Daniel McCartney on board one of His Majesty's ships. Sessions Book II/109, 110 and Draft Sessions Book III/57.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1796.

Account of bricklayers' and other work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XLVIII/5, 6 and 7.

Conviction of Thomas Barwell, of St. Albans, victualler, for having, without authority or licence, let a "horse to hire by the stage," to draw a chaise from St. Albans to Watford. Sessions Roll XLVIII/12.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLVIII/20.

Order that the four High Constables be appointed Inspectors of Weights. Draft Sessions Book III/59.

Order for the building of a bridge across the river, "on the other side of Colney Street." Draft Sessions Book III/60.

Order to Mr. Thomas Chambers to prepare and deliver a fresh plan and estimate (the old one having been lost) for building a bridge as above. Draft Sessions Book III/61.

“Mr Thomas Chambers delivered in a plan and estimate for a bridge across the river near to Colney Street . . . . . consisting of five arches; and the Court, being desirous of consulting Mr. Dagnal, Mr. Woodward and other millers on that stream, whether a bridge with three arches will not be sufficient, the further consideration of the building of the above mentioned bridge is ordered to be postponed.” Draft Sessions Book III/61.

Order that a bridge (near Colney Street) of three arches be built by Mr. Chambers, agreeable to his estimate for £429 5s. 0d. “Oak joists to be used instead of oak piles, if Mr. Chambers thinks proper, and the difference in the expense to be deducted”; also that the bridge at Frogmore be pointed with fresh mortar. Sessions Book II/128-130 and Draft Sessions Book III/62.

Order for the raising of £750 for the several uses of the Liberty. List of parishes and names of constables are given. Sessions Book II/116-118.

Order for the building of a bridge over the brook or rivulet called Colney Street Water, which runs across the highway leading from the village of Colney Street to the village of Radlett, at a very small distance from the said village of Colney Street, it having been represented to the Court that the said rivulet, from sudden rains, and its communication with a large river called the Colne, is frequently choked up and “overflowed,” rendering the road dangerous and sometimes “impracticable,” there being only a wooden bridge, not capable of admitting any carriage, and dangerous to pass on horseback. Many accidents have occurred at the spot in question. Sessions Book II/119.

Order for the payment of accounts for bricklayers and carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/120.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1796.

Examination of Henry Law (with regard to a theft of rags), in which he refers to "his manufactory for bleaching coloured rags," at Redbourn. Sessions Roll XLIX/4.

Presentment that part of the highway leading from Hatfield "towards and into the King's highway which leadeth from the parish of St. Peter . . . to the town of St. Albans" (i.e., the Hatfield Road), is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of St. Peter's ought to repair it. Sessions Roll XLIX/15.

Examination of Samuel Golding, referring to the attempted theft of a truss of hay by the "caddee" of the waggoner of the "Lutterworth waggon." Sessions Roll XLIX/25.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XLIX/39.

Order for an assessment of 6d. in the pound upon occupiers in the Abbey parish of St. Albans, for the purpose of amending, repairing, paving, cleansing and supporting the highways, causeways, streets, pavements and bridges of the said parish. Sessions Book II/136-137.

Order that two or more openings or air-holes be made through the ceiling of the Sessions House. Sessions Book II/138.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1796.

John Thrale, of Saundridge, yeoman, committed for contempt of court. Sessions Roll L/1, and Sessions Book II/139.

Accounts for carpenters and bricklayers' work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll L/5-6, Sessions Book II/140-141, and Draft Sessions Book III/70.

Indictment of Henry Cohan for uttering counterfeit coin. Sessions Roll L/12.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll L/28.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1797.

Rules and orders of a Benefit Society, to meet at the "Falcon," at Park Street, confirmed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament. Draft Sessions Book III/74.



Certificate of conviction of Robert Robinson, on a charge of killing game without a licence. Fined £20. Sessions Roll LI/9.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LI/23.

Certificate of the conviction of Thomas Walker, of the parish of Harrow, labourer, for having (he not then possessing the necessary property qualification) shot game in the parish of Aldenham. Sessions Roll LI/24.

Order to prepare a memorial to the King, *re* William Simmonds, a prisoner in the Liberty Gaol, under sentence of transportation. Sessions Book II/149-150.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1797.

Accounts relating to carpenters and bricklayers' work done at the Liberty Gaol and Town Hall, St. Albans, and expenses of constables in connection with the supplementary militia. Sessions Roll LII/1, 9, 10, 11.

Presentment that a certain highway, from and out of the King's highway which leads from Chipping Barnet to St. Albans, by places called Great Bisneys and Cell Barnes, towards and into the highway which leads from St. Albans to Hertford, is very ruinous and in need of amendment, and that the inhabitants of the parish of St. Peter ought to amend the same. Sessions Roll LII/20.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LII/41.

Order for raising £700 for the several uses of the Liberty. List of parishes and names of high constables. Sessions Book II/156-158.

Order for assessment of 6d. in the pound on the parish of St. Stephen, for highways, causeways, bridges and pavements. Sessions Book II/162, 163.

Appointment of William Wilson, of Burston Farm, in the parish of St. Stephen, farmer, as chief constable, in the room of Samuel Dagnall, deceased. Sessions Book II/165.

Allowance for accounts for bricklayers, carpenters and painters' work done at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book II/166-167.

## MIDSUMMER SESSION, 1797.

Draft order, discharging Henry Clare Abraham, John Ware and Thomas Ware, from their apprenticeships to John Rains, of Chipping Barnet, currier and leather-cutter, and directing the said John Rains to repay certain sums of money to each of the aforementioned; he, the said John Rains. being insolvent and having absconded. Sessions Roll LIII/1.

Presentment that the inhabitants of the parish of St. Peter, in St. Albans, ought to repair and amend a portion of a highway called Balls Lane, leading from Bishop's Hatfield over and through Cooper's Green and thence into the highway from Saundridge to St. Albans. Sessions Roll LIII/5.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LIII/22-23.

Confirmation of rules and orders for a Benefit Society to meet at the "Swan Inn" at Rickmersworth. Sessions Book II/179, and Draft Sessions Book III/83.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1797.

Accounts, chiefly relating to the Supplementary Militia. Sessions Roll LIV/1-26.

Order for discharging the apprentices of John Rains. Sessions Roll LIV/29, 30 and 37-40, and Sessions Book II/183-184.

Account for medicines "applied to the use of a sailor at the Lower Gaol." Sessions Roll LIV/31, and Sessions Book II/185.

Fragments of an information concerning a highway which is "not a private road." Sessions Roll LIV/35-36.

Complaint of William Hoskin, labourer, late a soldier in the First Regiment of Foot Guards, now discharged, being wounded and unfit for service, stating that he was assaulted by one Michael Walsh, landlord of the "Bull alehouse," in Chipping Barnet, and flung out of the house, after which he was assaulted by several fishermen, who kicked and carried him into the market house, where they beat and kicked him for a long time, and forcibly took away his tin box, in which

was his discharge, and a guinea and a half, and that certain articles of clothing were stolen from his bundle. Sessions Roll LIV/49.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LIV/58.

Resolved that the chief constables of the liberty be allowed one guinea for attending "every meeting in raising the Supplementary Militia," and that the petty constables be allowed for attending every meeting, five shillings under ten miles, and seven shillings and sixpence above that distance, and one shilling for every twenty names in the list returned, and sixpence for summoning every "ballotted man." Sessions Book II/184-185 and 187-190; and Draft Sessions Book III/89.

Payment of sums of money to constables. Draft Sessions Book III/89.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1798.

Warrant (dated 10th August, 1797) to the constable of Chipping Barnet, to distrain the goods of Joseph Wallis, the proprietor of the Birmingham "common stage waggon," upon his conviction for unlawfully travelling, on a Sunday, "with his horses, into and through" the said parish. Sessions Roll LV/1.

Account of the constable of Rickmersworth:—

"To takeing two listes of men for the Supplementary Militia, at 380 men each, one journey to St. Albans, with ye list, 19s." ;

"Twice to Hemel Hempstead with ditto, 5s." etc. Sessions Roll LV/4.

Report of a general meeting of subscribers to the Barnet Association (instituted in 1747 and revived in 1774), "for the preservation of good order and for the protection of persons and property in the several associating parishes of Chipping Barnet, Shenley, Elstree, East Barnet, Ridge, Aldenham and Totteridge, in the county of Hartford, and South Mims, Hadley and Enfield District in the County of Middlesex."

It had been made known to the said meeting "that the

most illegal means had been resorted to, by the promoters of the late horse races at Barnet, for raising money to be run for, by encouraging a great number of E.O. [sic] tables, to be brought upon the race course, from London, by persons who subscribed a considerable sum to the plates, or stakes, in consequence of permission being granted them to erect booths or tents on the race ground, in defiance of the law, and to the ruin of the unwary, whose losses were reported to have been very considerable."

The meeting unanimously resolved that "it is highly incumbent on the members of the Association (whose object and wish it is to prevent offences, rather than to prosecute offenders) to take every legal means in their power, individually and collectively, to prevent the repetition of so great an evil as the introduction of this easy and commodious means of gaming to the inhabitants of this neighbourhood (particularly the lower class), which, as it tends to their ruin, must consequently tempt them to use improper means for supplying their losses by depredations, either public or private."

It was therefore resolved "that a reward of £10 be given by the Association for the apprehension of every person who shall be convicted of keeping an E.O. table, or any other table of the same kind or use, within the district or parishes under their protection; and that a letter enclosing the above resolutions be written by the treasurer of this Association and transmitted to the justices acting for the county of Hertford, and also for the Liberty of St. Albans, assembled at their next quarter sessions respectively, requiring their attention to this growing evil, and desiring that they will take such steps as shall seem to them most proper for preventing its progress."

These resolutions are to be published in the "County Chronicle" and "by the distribution of handbills in such manner and at such times" as the treasurer shall direct. Sessions Roll LV/6.

**Estimate for bricklayers, and carpenters' work for building four wing walls to the new bridge at Colney Street. Sessions Roll LV/8.**

Account for carpenters' work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LV/9.

Richard and John Caffall committed for fishing in the water belonging to Samuel Salter, esquire, of Rickmansworth. Sessions Roll LV/13 and 36.

Indictment of William Wren, constable of Paul's Walden, for unlawfully and negligently permitting one Thomas Howard to escape from his custody. Sessions Roll LV/16.

Information and complaint of the Reverend Caleb Lomax, of St. Michael's, as to a theft from his premises. Sessions Roll LV/23.

Recognizance of Henry Shields, of St. Albans, "comedian," for his appearance to prosecute Thomas Kentish and William Plumber, for assault. Sessions Roll LV/28.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LV/41.

Order for payment to Mr. Thomas Chambers for extra work done at Colney Street Bridge; and also for carpenters' work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/198, and Draft Sessions Book III/94.

Order for an assessment of £700 to be raised for the several uses of the Liberty. A list of persons and names of high constables is given. Sessions Book II/208-210.

Order for the payment to the surveyors of highways for the parish of St. Stephen, of the money expended by them for coping and posts added for the security of the new bridge at Colney Street. Sessions Book II/214.

Order for the payment to the surveyors of the highways of St. Stephen's, for repairs done and to be done to that part of a certain bridge, situate between Radlett and Colney Street, called High Bridge, which lies within the said parish. Sessions Book II/214.

Order for the payment of money for smiths' work, masons' work, carpenters' work, plumbers and glaziers' work and bricklayers' work, done to the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/214-215.



Order for payment to constables for their "trouble" in connection with the Supplementary Militia, and as Inspectors of Weights and Measures. Sessions Book II/216-217, 218.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1798.

Account for masons, bricklayers and carpenters' work done at the Liberty Gaol; the bricklayers' work includes taking down part of the brick wall of the press yard. Sessions Roll LVI/1-9.

Accounts for repairs to that part of the High Bridge, near Radlett, which is in the parish of St. Stephen, and that part which is in the parish of Aldenham; and also for repairs done to Colney Street Bridge. With these accounts are letters concerning the work on both bridges and on work done to the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LVI/10-15.

Account of John Carrington, of Bramfield, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Cashio, "for attending his Majesty's Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants on a draught of the Supplementary Militia, at the Angell, St. Albans." Sessions Roll LVI/17.

Accounts of constables in connection with the Supplementary Militia. Sessions Roll LVI/18-22 and 24-27.

Record of the conviction of Richard Caffall and John Caffall, of Rickmansworth, for unlawfully fishing in the enclosed ground of Samuel Salter, esquire, of Rickmansworth. Fined £5 each. Sessions Roll LVI/36.

Examination of John Hassard, bailiff to Viscount Melbourne, of Hatfield, with regard to a theft of iron from a farm. Sessions Roll LVI/37.

Recognizance of Ralph Thrale, of Saundridge. Sessions Roll LVI/41.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions LVI/47.

Order for payments to certain high constables and constables, in respect of the Supplementary Militia, and for other expenses, and for repairs to High Bridge and Colney Street Bridge. Draft Sessions Book III/99, 100.

Order for payment for carpenters' work done at the Sessions House.  
Sessions Book II/234.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1798.

Indictment of Mary, wife of Robert Butler, of Northaw, for uttering counterfeit coin; and depositions of Benjamin Price, shoemaker, of the same place, and others, with regard to the charge against the said Mary. Price refers to the fact that "there was a suspicion that certain persons were in the village uttering counterfeit money." Sessions Roll LVII/2, 4 and 5.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LVII/9.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1798.

Coroner's account for expenses at inquests on various persons. The account is rendered in detail and includes the charges in connection with an inquest taken, on 3rd July, 1798, on "a boy supposed to be murdered by his master" at St. Stephens. Sessions Roll LVIII/1.

Account of work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll LVIII/3.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LVIII/19.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1799.

Order for the discharge and freedom from apprenticeship of William Stallion, apprenticed to Andrew Peacock, of Abbot's Langley, tailor, on his master's enlistment in the Militia. Sessions Roll LIX/1; Sessions Book II/244 and Draft Sessions Book III/114.

Accounts, relating to the Supplementary Militia, and for work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll LIX/2-12 and Sessions Book II/247-248.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LIX/25.

Order to stop up a certain public bridleway and footway, in the parish of Rickmansworth, in the hundred of Cashio, and in the hamlet of West Hyde, lying between a drawbridge

“lately made over and across the Grand Junction Canal, and leading through and over a certain meadow called Weyman’s Mead, being the land and ground of Henry Fotherley Whitfeld, esquire, towards, unto and over so much and such part of a certain bridge there across the river Colne as is in the parish and hundred aforesaid, belonging to the Governors and Assistants and Society of the City of London of and for the Mines Royal, and the Governors, Assistants and Society of the City of London of and for the Mineral and Battery Works, of the length of 38 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, and being part and parcel of a public bridleway and footway leading from the town of Rickmersworth aforesaid to the village of Harefield”; and, in lieu thereof, to make a new public bridleway and footway through “other parts” of the said Weyman’s Mead, from the aforesaid drawbridge, and over such part of the said river Colne as lies in the liberty and hundred aforesaid, of the length of 44 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 21 feet of thereabouts.

The new way is to be made at the expense of the Governors, Assistants and Societies aforesaid, and the soil of the old way is to be vested in the said Henry Fotherley Whitfield. Plan. Sessions Roll LIX/26-28 and 30; Sessions Book II/242-243; and Draft Sessions Book III/115.

Order to stop up a certain part of a highway in the parish of St. Peter, “lying in an easterly direction, between New Barns Mill and a certain other highway, called the London Road, for the length of 40 poles,” and in lieu thereof to make a new highway, “nearer and more commodious to the public,” through the lands of Matthew Towgood, of New Barns, esquire, of the length of 35 poles and a half, and of the breadth of 16 feet. The said new highway to be made at the expense of the said Thomas Towgood, and the soil of the old highway to be vested in him. Plan. Sessions Roll LIX/31, 32, 33 and 34; Sessions Book II/240-242; and Draft Sessions Book III/115.

Rules and Orders of Benefit Societies to meet at the “George,”

at Rickmersworth, and at the "Maidenhead," at Whitwell, in Paul's Walden. Sessions Book II/245-246; and Draft Sessions Book III/115.

Orders for the payment of accounts, including one for repairs done at the Sessions House. Draft Sessions Book III/116.

Order that abstracts of the several Acts of Parliament, for preventing tippling and drunkenness, and for regulating ale-houses, be made out by the Clerk of the Peace, and a sufficient number of copies printed, to circulate through the liberty, and to "stick up in every public house" in the different parishes and places in the same liberty. Sessions Book II/245; and Draft Sessions Book III/116.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1799.

Nomination, by certain of the inhabitants of Paul's Walden, of Samuel Jeeves, to serve the office of constable. Sessions Roll LX/2; and Sessions Book II/256.

Account of six constables, "for attending Barnet Fair, day and night, by order of the justices," and, by the same order, attending "Northaw Statute"; and order for payment of the same. Sessions Roll LX/3; Sessions Book II/257-258; and Draft Sessions Book III/121.

Account for glazing work done at the Liberty Gaol; the items include 18 feet of glass, leaded, at 4d. per foot, and 56 quarries of glass, at 1½d. each. Sessions Roll LX/4.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LX/21.

Order to file the rules and regulations of a "society of good fellowship," to meet at the "Crown," at Elstree. Sessions Book II/258.

John Halsey, committed to the House of Correction for three months, for having in his possession a certain engine called a snare, and refusing to pay the penalty for the same. Draft Sessions Book III/119.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1799.

Bill "for fires on Saturdays, for the use of the magistrates" 1s. 6d. per fire is charged, and the Borough pays one-third and the liberty two-thirds of the cost. Sessions Roll LXI/1.

Bill for oak "joyce" and two-inch deal plank, for a floor at the Liberty Gaol, £7 14s. 0d. Sessions Roll LXI/2.

Bill for "two blinds, compleat," for the Town Hall, £1 13s. 0d. Sessions Roll LXI/3.

Petition of Joshua Howard, of the parish of Ridge, for an increase of salary, in regard to conveying vagrants, "on account that provisions for his horses and everything is so extremely high." Sessions Roll LXI/7.

Complaint of Elizabeth Stevens, a pauper, in the workhouse of the parish of Redbourne, who states that, about a month ago, she was picking stones with Thomas Lord and Joseph Bradford, "other paupers," and that the said Thomas Lord and Joseph Bradford had charged the Master of the Workhouse ("who usually allows them two pence in the shillings on their earnings") for two loads of stones more than had actually been picked; and that she, having asked for her share of the overcharge and having been refused, had threatened to tell her Master of the imposition, which she accordingly did.

She further states that the said Joseph Bradford came to her in the workhouse and said "he had a great mind to knock her brains out against the copper," and threatened "that if he ever caught her out he would throw her into a pond of water." On the following Friday morning "she got up to eat her mess of broth as usual, and some short time after she had eaten it she was taken ill," and was ill for more than a fortnight. She has reason to suspect that the said Thomas Lord and one Mary Gates, "did put into her mess some poisonous drug, with intent to injure her."

The complainant affirms that Mary Gates, who had since absconded, confessed "that she did put into the mess something which had been prepared by the said Thomas Lord." Sessions Roll LXI/10.



Presentment of Thomas Lord, for having given or caused to be given to the above Elizabeth Stevens, "a certain quantity of the powder of spurge or mountain laurel, mixed with broth." "No true bill." Sessions Roll LXI/12; and Draft Sessions Book III/124.

An account of penalties paid under convictions against persons having weights not according to the standard. Sessions Roll LXI/15-18.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXI/21.

John Strutt, of Rickmersworth, gentleman, fined 40s. for not attending the Grand Jury on which he was summoned to serve. Draft Sessions Book III/124.

Order for an assessment of £350, for the general purposes of the Liberty. Sessions Book II/263-265.

Order for the appointment of Gutteridge Olney as constable of the parish of "Idlestree." Sessions Book II/270, and Draft Sessions Book III/125.

Licence, for one year, for William Vernon, of Northaw, gentleman, to keep a house in that parish for the reception of lunatics, not exceeding ten in number. Sessions Book II/269-270, and Draft Sessions Book III/125.

Appointment of John Crockford, of Slowman's Farm, in the parish of St. Stephen, farmer, as high or chief constable in the room of William Wilson. Sessions Book II/277, and Draft Sessions Book III/129.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1799.

Certificate, signed "J. P. Nicolson, minister" of the parish church of St. Albans, otherwise called the Abbey parish, that Thomas Baker, M.D., the mayor, received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 6th October, 1799. Sessions Roll LXII/8.

Recognizance for the appearance of John Taylor, against whom his apprentice, John Irwing, the younger, had made complaint. Sessions Roll LXII/12.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXII/21.

## ADDENDA, 1758—1798.

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### EASTER SESSIONS, 1758.

John Butler, of Watford, convicted of stealing two horseshoes and seven pieces of horseshoes from James Darvill, of Watford, blacksmith; ordered “to be whipped at the Market Post at Watford till his body be bloody, and then to be discharged, paying his fees.” *Miscellaneous Book I/1.*

Recognizance for Leonard Hunt, of Chipping Barnet, whip-maker, to be a badger of corn. *Ibid.*

The Reverend John Alexander, vicar of Rickmersworth, Robert Abram, officer of Excise at Colney, and Richard Parker, officer of Excise at St. Albans, took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, and signed the declaration. *Ibid./2.*

Appointment of John Gethen, of Abbotts Langley, gentleman, as high constable of the liberty, in the room of Mr. John Dyson. *Ibid.*

Appointment of James Pope, the elder, of Abbotts Langley, as chief constable of this liberty, in the room of John Gethern, esquire. *Ibid.*

Ordered that the constables of Ridge do not for the future receive any vagrants brought to them by a pass, unless the direct road to the parish whereto such vagrant is directed to be carried by such pass, lies through the said parish of Ridge. *Ibid.*

“Whereas this liberty has been put to an extravagant charge and expense in conveying vagrants from Barnet to St. Albans; ordered therefore that for the future the constable of Barnet shall not convey less than six at any one time, unless he have a particular order from some Justice of the Peace, and that he be allowed no more than the sum of 5s. for passing the said six vagrants, or any greater number at any one time; and that the said constable be allowed 4d. a day for maintenance of every vagrant so long as he keeps them.” *Ibid./3.*

Order that every vagrant apprehended within this liberty be punished according as the statute in that case directs, and that notice of this order be given by the Clerk of the Peace to the acting Justices. Miscellaneous Book I/3.

Order "that Mr. Howard, the present conveyer of vagrants, do continue to convey till next sessions, not carrying or passing any less in number at any one time than fifteen from St. Albans to Markuise Street, and that 6d. per mile be allowed for a cart, 3d. a mile for a horse, and 4d. a night for each single person's lodging and relief, 6d. for a man and his wife or two men or two women together, and 2d. a piece for their children, and but half so much if not lodged (except in extraordinary occasions) to be allowed by a justice of the peace." *Ibid.*

Order that the repairs, done in 1757, to the gaol by John Selby, be referred to any three justices of this liberty, to survey and make their report at the next Midsummer Sessions. *Ibid.*

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1758.

Eignon Howard and John Chandler, convicted of stealing nine pecks of wheat and one hempen sack, ordered to be transported to one of his Majesty's plantations in America for seven years. *Ibid*/5.

Ann Warren, convicted of stealing linen caps, a gown, "petty-coat," etc.; ordered to be publicly whipped at the Market Cross in St. Albans "till her body is bloody." *Ibid.*

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1758.

William Young, esquire, mayor, and George Pembroke, esquire, took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, and signed the declaration. *Ibid.*/9.

John Ashel, Bucknal Gyles, Thornton Heysham and Thomas Gape, esquire, did the like, in order to qualify themselves as deputy-lieutenants for the county of Hertford. *Ibid.*

Sessions adjourned to 23 October at the White Hart Inn, St. Albans to contract as to the conveyance of vagrants; a public notice thereof to be put up at the Market House in the same town. *Ibid.*/10.

James Twitchell, of St. Albans, appointed conveyer of vagrants from this day till Easter, 1759, for the sum of £80, which sum to be in lieu and satisfaction of all casual expenses. Miscellaneous Book I/13.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1759.

Thomas Deacon, of Watford, gentleman, took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, to qualify as a lieutenant of the Militia in the county of Hertford. *Ibid.*/16.

John Edlin Tuach, of Watford, gentleman, did the like, as an ensign of the said Militia. *Ibid.*

“For preventing the exorbitant charges which have happened of late for lodging, relieving and conveying vagrants and others with passes through this liberty, and for the more regular proceeding therein,” it is ordered that, “hereafter, there be no more allowed the constable, headborough or any other officers within the said liberty, on that account, than, for a cart 6d. per mile, on horseback 3d. per mile, and on foot  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per mile, and for men and women 4d. each per night for supper, breakfast and lodging, and 2d. each for the rest of their children; if conveyed the same day, then at the rate of 2d. per meal and half so much for the rest of their children (except in extraordinary occasions).” No constable or other officer is to be allowed for more than one cart in one day, unless the number of vagrants to be conveyed exceeds six, from the parish of Chipping Barnet, and not to exceed fifteen from the parish of Ridge; the said constable or other officer is not to be reimbursed before their bills be examined and allowed at the next Quarter Sessions; and no constable or other officer is to receive any pass or certificate for the conveying of any vagrant, “unless the next direct way to the place where he she, or they be ordered to be sent,” lies through the parish for which such constable shall serve. This order is to be printed and sent to every justice and high constable in the liberty. *Ibid.*/16-17.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1759.

Edward Levings, convicted of stealing twenty bushels of barley,

ordered to be transported to one of his Majesty's plantations in America for seven years. Miscellaneous Book I/19.

Appointment of George Clemason, of Watford, gentleman, as chief constable of the liberty. *Ibid.*/22.

Whereas it appears that the highways, streets and pavements belonging to the parish of Watford are exceedingly out of repair, and that the same cannot be sufficiently repaired, paved, cleansed and supported by means of the laws now in force for amending the same, without putting the statute of 3 and 4 William and Mary into execution; it is ordered that the surveyors of the highways of the said parish make an assessment on the inhabitants and occupiers usually rated for the relief of the poor, and employ the money raised in the repair and upkeep of the said highways. *Ibid.*/22-23.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1759.

Thomas Kendall, charged on the oath of Daniel Woods that he goes in danger of his life, or of receiving some bodily hurt from the said Thomas was discharged out of custody on his enlisting as a soldier. *Ibid.*/29.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1759.

The Reverend James Ibottson, D.D., took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, and signed the declaration. *Ibid.*/30.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1760.

The Reverend Joshua Hill, Edward Woodcock and Francis Capper, the younger, clerks, took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, and signed the declaration. *Ibid.*/33.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1760.

Appointment of John Ballinger, of Abbots Langley, gentleman, as chief constable of the liberty, in the place of George Clemason, gentleman. *Ibid.*/37.

Order that William Hunt be conveyer of vagrants at £152 by the year, in lieu of all casual expenses. *Ibid.*/39.



## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1760.

The Reverend John Ramsey, clerk, vicar of Abbots Langley, took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, and signed the declaration. *Miscellaneous Book I/42.*

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1760.

Order that Mary Twitchell, widow of James Twitchell, be continued in the office of keeper of the House of Correction, in the same manner as her late husband held the same. *Ibid./46.*

Thomas Shield, esquire, mayor, George Pembroke, esquire, and Joseph Martin, officer of Excise at King's Langley, took the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, and signed the declaration. *Ibid.*

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1761.

Recognizance of James Fray, of Abbots Langley, "trantor."\* *Ibid./51.*

Appeal, made to the court by the Reverend Samuel Clarke, against a warrant of distress for not doing duty on the highways in the parish of Idlestry, dismissed. *Ibid.*

Appointment of Daniel Howard, of Troy, in the parish of Rickmersworth, as chief constable in the place of John Ballenger. *Ibid.*

William Hunt appointed conveyer of vagrants at £152 by the year. *Ibid./52.*

George Poyner Bisse, esquire, deputy-lieutenant for the county, took the oaths and signed the declaration. *Ibid.*

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1761.

Recognizance of Thomas Robbins, of Birmingham, stamper, for the appearance of Sylvanus his son, to answer such things on his Majesty's behalf as shall be objected against the

\* "Tranters—men who carry fish from the sea coasts to sell in the inland countries." *Bailey.*

said Sylvanus by David Wedderburn, esquire, colonel of the Queen's new raised Royal Regiment of Volunteers. Miscellaneous Book I/63.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1762.

Henry Fotherley Whitfeld, esquire, high sheriff, and Thomas Groome, gentleman, under-sheriff, and the Reverend Robert Deane, took the oaths and subscribed the declaration. *Ibid.*/71.

Order that the sum of £54 11s. 5d. be laid out in repairing the gaol for the liberty, being the estimate taken by the mayor and the Reverend Mr. Preedy. *Ibid.*/72.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1762.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace write to Ralph Bell, esquire, Justice of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorkshire, touching the illegality of his "pass orders" for conveying vagrants, by reason that "many are sent through this liberty although the same is out of the direct road to which they ought to be conveyed." *Ibid.*/78.

Accounts of Thomas Aglinton for bricklayer's work done to the liberty gaol, £44 18s. 0d.; William Thorne for carpenter's work, £9 13s. 5d.; and Charles Beaumont for plumber's work, £1 9s. 8d. *Ibid.*

Appointment of Mr. Leonard Thompson, of Chipping Barnet, "hog salesman," as chief constable for that part of the hundred of Cashio containing the parishes of East Barnet, Chipping Barnet, Idlestry, Northaw, and Ridge. *Ibid.*

It being certified to the satisfaction of the court that the nuisance relating to the great pond near the White Horse in St. Peter's Street is removed, it is ordered that no further proceedings be taken. Joseph Gape, esquire, mayor, and the Corporation of the borough to pay the costs of the presentment.\* *Ibid.*/82.

\* See Borough Sessions.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1762.

The Right Honourable William Clavering Cowper, Earl Cowper, took the oaths and signed the declaration. Miscellaneous Book I/83.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1763.

Appointment of Gilbert Kinder, of the parish of St. Michael, gentleman, as chief constable of the liberty, in the place of Henry Smith. *Ibid.*/93.

Petition from the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Alban, presented to the court, setting forth that the Abbey Church is very ruinous, and therefore pray the court to grant a certificate to the Lord Chancellor in order to obtain a brief for necessary repairs, which certificate was signed accordingly in court.\* *Ibid.*/96.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1763.

Order that Mary Shaw, spinster, convicted of stealing certain cups and saucers, etc., be publicly whipped. *Ibid.*/98.

John Till, of Rickmersworth, labourer, convicted of stealing a "child's coral," to be transported for seven years. *Ibid.*

In pursuance of an Act of Parliament, 2 George III, (entitled an Act for mending, widening, altering and keeping in repair the road from the south end of Sparrow's Herne on Bushey Heath, through the market towns of Watford, Berkhamstead St. Peters, and Tring, in the county of Hertford, by Pettiphers Elms to the turnpike road at Walton near Aylesbury, in the county of Buckingham) an application was made to this court by Richard Phrip, esquire, to hear, settle and determine the matters in difference with respect to the gravel, stones and other materials, which the surveyor (appointed by the trustees authorized for putting the said act into execution) or his deputy, have digged, taken and carried away from the lands and grounds in the occupation of the said Richard Phrip, in the parish of

\* See Borough Sessions

Watford, within this liberty, for repairing the said road, and with respect also to the damage done to the said lands thereby. In order to obtain satisfaction in the premises, which the said Richard Phrip alleged had been denied him, as is directed by the said act, this court, upon hearing counsel and evidence, orders and directs that the said surveyor pay the said Richard Phrip the sum of £14 5s. 6d., being at the rate of 6d. a load of gravel. Miscellaneous Book I/99.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1763.

Thomas Humphreys, convicted of stealing a silver spoon out of the dwelling-house of Mr. Joshua Pickersgill, in Watford, ordered to be transported to one of his Majesty's plantations in America for seven years. *Ibid.*/102.

### 1764-1787.

Names of gamekeepers appointed by the lords of various manors within the liberty; entered by the Clerk of the Peace pursuant to an Act of Parliament for the better preservation of game.

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Aldenham      ...      ...	Martha Vandewall	John Haynes, 14th January, 1764
Abbot's Langley, otherwise Lees Langley	Thomas Greenhill	William White, 7th March, 1764
Gorhambury with Westwick and Pray, otherwise Gorhambury with Westwick, Pray and Market Oak, Redbourne, Kingsbury, Windridge, and Sopwell cum Newlands	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	John Morris, 18th April, 1765
Bournhall      ...      ...	John Hadley      ...	John Askeall Bucknall, esquire, 29th January, 1762

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Abbot's Langley, otherwise Lees Langley	Thomas Greenhill	William White, 7th June, 1765
Pinesfield ... ..	Henry Fotherley Whitfeld	William Richardson, esquire, 23rd August, 1765
Bromfield, otherwise Brantfield, and Queen Hall	Elizabeth, Vis- countess Grandi- son	Joshua Steele, esquire, 5th September, 1766
Garston ... ..	Richard Capper ...	Henry Lovett, 28th August, 1765
Northaw... ..	John Leman ...	John Browne, 2nd September, 1766
Titburst and Kendals ...	William Jephson, esquire	James Sleet, 22nd September, 1766
Chambers Bury and Lang- ley Bury	Sir John Filmor ..	James Radwell, 6th August, 1766
Titburst and Kendals ...	William Phillimore	James Sleet, 18th December, 1766
Shenley Bury ... ..	Caleb Lomax, es- quire	Francis Ambridge, 4th November, 1766
Thrift ... ..	John Wilson	William Parker, 12th February, 1767
Sopwell cum Newlands and Windridge	James, Lord Vis- count Grimston	Gilbert Kinder, 30th July, 1767
Parkebury ... ..	George. Duke of Marlborough	Philip Crespigny, esquire, 17th August, 1767
The Frith ... ..	Richard Sutton, es- quire	James White, 30th August, 1768, & 20th December, 1769
Gorhambury, Westwick, Market Oak, Pray, otherwise Préé, Kings- bury, Windridge, and Redbourne	James, Viscount Grimston	James Withinshaw, 17th May, 1770



Name of Manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Wild, otherwise Weild ...	Emilia Jubb ...	William Roberts, 30th August, 1770
Abbottsey, near Codicott	Thomas Webb ...	John Whittamore, 2nd October, 1767
Sarratt ... ..	Sir David Williams	William Bryant, 22nd December, 1770
Leggits ... ..	Robert Hucks ...	Thomas Hack, 3rd April, 1771
Gorhambury, Westwick, Market Oak, Pray otherwise Pree, Kings- bury, Windridge and Redbourne.	James, Viscount Grimston	Robert Warrent Perrot (no date)
Borham otherwise Parks	Thomas Jemmitt...	Hugh Oxenham, gentle- man, 15th August, 1771
The Frith ... ..	Richard Sutton, esquire	John Boole, 16th November, 1770
Watford ... ..	Earl of Essex ...	Robert Sprigens, 1st May, 1771
Burston ... ..	Robert Hucks ...	Benjamin Chappell, 7th October, 1771
Frith ... ..	Richard Sutton, esquire	Edward Ewer, 2nd January, 1772
Rose Hall ... ..	Sir David Williams	John Johnson, 28th December, 1771
Goldingtons ... ..	Sir David Williams	Peter Williams, 28th December, 1771
The Grove ... ..	Thomas, Lord Hyde	Thomas Freeman, 29th September, 1772
Agnells otherwise St. Agnells	Richard Pearce ...	William Harris, 3rd November, 1772
Borham otherwise Park	Thomas Jemmitt ..	William Roberts, 20th January, 1773

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper and date of appointment.
Gorhambury, Pray and Market Oak, Kingsbury, Windridge, and Redbourne	James, Viscount Grimston	John Lambert, 15th May, 1773
Harpesfeild Hall ...	Thomas Gape, esquire	James Pendred, 12th July, 1773
Stagenhoe, in the parish of Paul's Walden	Robert Thornton Heysham, esquire	Thomas Whetham, 25th August, 1773
Watford ... ..	Earl of Essex ...	Thomas Porter, 1st October, 1773
Ridge ... ..	The Hon. Agneta York, widow	Charles Blandy, 8th December, 1773
Abbot's Langley ...	Thomas Greenhill .	Hugh Paul, gardener, 11th January, 1774
Gorhambury, Westwick, Market Oak, Pray otherwise Pree, Kingsbury, Windridge and Redbourne	James Bucknall, Viscount Grimston	John Banks, 27th April, 1774
Moor ... ..	John Askill Bucknall, esquire	Gauntlet Williams, servant, 28th May, 1774
Codicote ... ..	John Kenrick, esquire	Edward Burnell, esquire, 19th August, 1774
Boreham otherwise Parks	George Byng, esquire	John Tett, 15th September, 1774
Northall ... ..	John Leman ...	John Menlove, 28th August, 1775
Sarratt ... ..	Sir David Williams, baronet	John Caffall, 29th August, 1775
Goldingtons ... ..	Sir David Williams	William Dell, 11th December, 1775
Abbot's Langley, otherwise Lees Langley	Thomas Greenhill	John Payne, 5th August, 1776

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
The Hyde ... ..	John Strange, esquire	James Pope, the younger, 20th August, 1776
Shenley Bury ... ..	Caleb Lomax, esquire	John Banks, 16th January, 1778
Childwickbury ... ..	Caleb Lomax, esquire	William Hallason, 16th January, 1778
Aldenham ... ..	Martha Vandewall	Thomas Edge, 29th January, 1778
Sarratt, Goldington and Rose Hall	William Johnston, William Parry	Samuel Plowman, 2nd November, 1778
St. Amphiball's, otherwise Beaumont Hall	James Bucknall, Viscount Grimston	Mr. Marvin Goulds, 20th October, 1778
Woodwicke ... ..	Samuel Leighton-houss	William Sedgwicke, 14th August, 1779
Sisserfernes ... ..	Robert Kentish ...	George Crawley, 15th July, 1779
Ridge ... ..	Philip York ...	John Banks, 30th August, 1779
Abbott's Langley ...	Thomas Greenhill	George Taylor, 25th August, 1781
Leggits ... ..	Robert Hucks ...	Richard Davis, 1st March, 1782
Park ... ..	Earl of Essex ...	Joseph Clinton, 1st January, 1778
Burston ... ..	Robert Hucks ...	Joseph Clinton, 20th January, 1778
Napsbury, otherwise Apsbury	Mary Gee, widow...	Thomas Walker, 19th September, 1782
Brantfield ... ..	George, Earl of Grandison	Joseph Bassett, 3rd January, 1783
Hexton ... ..	John Bradshaw ...	Samuel Brown, 12th September, 1783

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Titburst and Kendalls ...	William Phillimore	William Williams, 23rd August, 1784
Saundridge cum Walmond, and Newlans, otherwise Newlans Squillers	George John, Earl Spencer	Thomas Floyd, 20th September, 1784
Redbourn, Beaumont Hall, St. Amphiballs, Gorhambury, Pree, Westwick, Kingsbury, Market Oak and Windridge	James Bucknall, Lord Viscount Grimston	William Hollinshead, 29th September, 1784
Chenies ... ..	Gertrude, Duchess of Bedford; Caroline, Duchess of Marlborough and Robert Palmer	George Cholcroft, 8th April, 1772
Chambersbury and Langleybury	Sir John Filmor, baronet	William Smith, 14th August, 1784
Park ... ..	Ann Holles,* Earl of Essex	Robert Smith, 28th September, 1784
Rickmersworth ... ..	Henry Fotherley Whitfield	John Davey, 26th August, 1768
Moore ... ..	John Askill Bucknall, esquire	James Walker, 19th August, 1778
Brantfield ... ..	George, Earl of Grandison	Joseph Bassett, 3rd January, 1783
Harpsfeild Hall... ..	Thomas Gape, esquire	James Pendred, 12th July, 1773
Saundridge cum Walmonds, and Newlans, otherwise Newlans Squillers	George John, Earl Spencer	Thomas Floyd, 20th September, 1784
Woodwick ... ..	Samuel Leighton-house, esquire	William Sedgwick, 14th August, 1779

\* William Ann Holles, fourth Earl of Essex.

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
The Hyde ... ..	John Strange, esquire	James Pope, the younger, 20th August, 1776
Tibhurst and Kendalls ...	William Phillimore, esquire	William Williams, 23rd August, 1784
Beech Farm ... ..	John Lamb, esquire	John Smith, 26th July, 1785
Abbotts Langley ...	Thomas Greenhill, esquire	John Payne, 30th September, 1784
Kingsbury ... ..	James Bucknall, Lord Viscount Grimston	Ralph Smith, junior, 30th July, 1785
Agnells, otherwise St. Agnells, in the parish of Redborn	Richard Pearce, esquire	William Harris, 26th August, 1785
Leggits ... ..	Robert Hucks, esquire	Richard Davis, 1st March, 1782
Watford ... ..	Ann Holles, Earl of Essex	Thomas Porter, 1st October, 1773
The Park ... ..	Ann Holles, Earl of Essex	Thomas Porter, 26th August, 1785
Cashio ... ..	Ann Holles, Earl of Essex	Thomas Porter, 26th August, 1785
East Barnet and Chip-ping Barnet	Mary Thomlinson	John Mathews, 27th August, 1785
Chambersbury and Langleybury	Sir John Filmor, baronet	William Smith, 14th August, 1784
Windridge ... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	Jeremiah Smith, 2nd August, 1785
Rickmersworth ... ..	Henry Fotherley Whitfield	John Davey, 26th August, 1768
Napsbury, otherwise Apsbury	Mary Gee ... ..	Thomas Jenkin Gee, 30th August, 1785
Redburn and Pree ...	James Bucknall, Lord Viscount Grimston	William Hollinshead, 29th September, 1784



Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Market Oak ... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	James Simkins, 27th August, 1785
Gorhambury and Westwick	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	George Purkis, 22nd August, 1785
Ridge ... ..	Philip Yorke, esquire	Joseph Biggs, 25th August, 1785
Tittenhanger ... ..	Philip Yorke, esquire	Justinian Casamajor, 25th August, 1785
Sisserfernes ... ..	Robert Kentish, gentleman	George Crawley, 15th July, 1779
Beaumonts ... ..	Thomas Kinder, esquire	Matthew Rogers, 10th September, 1785
Sisserfernes ... ..	Robert Kentish ...	John Turner, 8th September, 1785
Moore ... ..	Honble. William Grimston	Edward Ewer, 28th September, 1785
Inges ... ..	Joseph Pomfret Vandermeulen	William Barckmore, 20th September, 1785
Leggits ... ..	Robert Hucks, esquire	Richard Davis, 1st March, 1782
Chambers Bury and Langley Bury	Sir John Philmer, baronet	William Smith, 14th August, 1784
Moore .. ...	Honble. William Grimston	Edward Ewer, 28th September, 1785
Brantfield ... ..	George, Earl of Grandison	Josseph Bassett, 11th July, 1785
Saundridge cum Walmonds, and New Lane otherwise New Lane Squillers	George John, Earl Spencer	Thomas Floyd, 20th September, 1784
Titburst and Kendalls ...	William Phillimore, esquire	William Williams, 23rd August, 1784
Beech Farm ... ..	John Lamb, esquire	John Smith, 26th July, 1785

Name of manor.		Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Harpsfield Hall...	...	Thomas Gape, esquire	James Pendred, 12th July, 1773.
Agnells otherwise St. Agnells		Richard Pearce, esquire	William Harris, 26th August, 1785
The Hyde	... ..	John Strange, esquire	James Pope, the younger, 20th August, 1776
Rickmersworth	... ..	Henry Fotherley Whitfield, esquire	John Davey, 26th August, 1768
Norton	... ..	William Pym, esquire	Thomas Fullwood, 21st August, 1786
Beaumonts	... ..	Thomas Kinder, esquire	Matthew Rogers, 10th September, 1785
Abbott's Langley	...	Thomas Greenhill, esquire	John Payne, 30th September, 1784
Aldenham	... ..	Martha Vandewall	William Finney, 22nd August, 1786
Ridge	... ..	Philip York, esquire	Joseph Biggs, 1st September, 1785
East Barnet and Chipping Barnet		Mary Tomlinson	John Matthews, 27th August, 1785
Woodwicks	... ..	Samuel Leighton-house, esquire	William Sedgwick, 14th August, 1779
Windridge	... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	Jeremiah Smith, 2nd August, 1785
Inges	... ..	Joseph Pomfret Vander Meulen, esquire	William Byreckmore, 20th September, 1785
Sisserfernes	... ..	Robert Kentish, esquire	John Turner, 8th September, 1785
Kingsbury	... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	Ralph Smith, 30th July, 1785
Gorambury	... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	William Pitt, 31st August, 1786

Name of manor.		Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper, and date of appointment.
Redborn and Pree	...	James, Viscount Grimston	William Hollinshead, 29th September, 1784
Market Oak	... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	James Simkins, 27th August, 1785
Westwick	... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	George Purkis, 22nd August, 1785
St. Amphibal	... ..	James, Viscount Grimston	George Cane
Hexton	... ..	Thomas Pasley, esquire	James Irons, 26th August, 1786
Northaw...	... ..	William Strode, esquire	William England, 6th October, 1786
Brantfield	... ..	George, Earl of Grandison	Joseph Bassett, 11th July, 1785
Rosehall	... ..	Sir David Williams, baronet	Robert Hopkins, 1st August, 1787
Woodwicks	... ..	Samuel Leighton-house, esquire	William Sedgwick, 14th August, 1779
The Hyde	... ..	John Strange, esquire	James Pope, the younger, 20th August, 1776
Saundridge, with Walmonds, and New Lane, otherwise New Lane Squillers		George John, Earl Spencer	Thomas Floyd, 20th September, 1784
Rickmersworth	... ..	Henry Fotherley Whitfield, esquire	John Davey, 26th August, 1768
Market Oak	... ..	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	James Simkins, 27th August, 1785
Redbourne	... ..	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	William Holinshead, 29th September, 1784
Gorhambury	... ..	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	John Stratford, 24th August, 1787

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper and date of appointment.
Westwick ... ..	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	George Purkis, 22nd August, 1785
Agnells, otherwise St. Agnells	Richard Pearce, esquire	William Harris, 26th August, 1785
Harpsfield Hall... ..	Thomas Gape, esquire	James Pendred, 12th July, 1773
Northaw .... ..	William Strode, esquire	William England, 6th October, 1786
St. Amphibals, otherwise Beaumont Hall	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	Bassett Cain, 24th August, 1787
Chambers Bury and Langley Bury	Sir John Philmer, baronet	William Smith, 14th August, 1784
East Barnet and Chipping Barnet	Mary Thomlinson, spinster	John Matthews, 27th August, 1785
Wild, otherwise the Wyld Randolfes, and New- berries	Richard, Lord Viscount Howe	John Crockford, 23rd September, 1779
Norton ... ..	William Pym, esquire	Thomas Fullwood, 21st August, 1786
Abbots Langley.. ..	Thomas Greenhill, esquire	John Payne, 30th September, 1784
Micklefield Hall ...	Elizabeth Skidmore	Levy Squires, 27th August, 1787
Tibhurst and Kendalls...	William Phillimore, esquire	William Williams, 23rd August, 1784
Ridge ... ..	Philip Yorke, esquire	Joseph Biggs, 1st September, 1785
Aldenham ... ..	Martha Vandewall, widow	William Finney, 22nd August, 1786
Piggotts ... ..	Richard Webb, esquire	John Wilson, esquire, 25th August, 1787
Pens Place ... ..	Robert Hucks esquire	John Rigby, 30th August, 1787

Name of manor.	Name of lord of the manor.	Name of gamekeeper and date of appointment.
Kingsbury ... ..	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	Ralph Smith, the younger, 30th July, 1785
Sisserfernes ... ..	Robert Kentish, esquire	John Turner, 8th September, 1785
Beaumonts ... ..	Thomas Kinder, esquire	Matthew Rogers, 10th September, 1785
Windridge ... ..	James, Lord Viscount Grimston	Jeremiah Smith, 2nd August, 1785
Moore ... ..	The Honble. William Grimston	George Harding, 31st August, 1787
Inges ... ..	Joseph Pomfret Vander Meulen, esquire	William Byrckmore, 20th September, 1785
Beech Farm ... ..	John Lamb, esquire	John Smith, 26th July, 1785
Cashio, Watford and Park	The Earl of Essex	Thomas Porter
Gaston ... ..	Richard Capper, esquire	Thomas Porter

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#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1770.

Conviction of Richard Stroud, Thomas Watts and Thomas Gibbard, for stealing turkeys and cocks, the property of Henry Wank and William Wilson. Ordered to be transported to one of His Majesty's colonies and plantations in America, for seven years. Gaol Book I/3.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1770.

Ann Smith ordered to be publicly whipped at Watford and then discharged, for stealing money amounting to 7s. 11d. and a key. *Ibid* /10.



Conviction of Henry Mordrum for stealing two pairs of shoes and stockings and a shirt. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book I/10.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1771.

“Henry Buckmaster—his wife having sworn the peace against him, but she not appearing against him—ordered to be discharged on that account; but as he appeared in Court very drunk, ordered to be committed to the gaol for the space of one week and then to be discharged, paying his fees.” *Ibid.*/29.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1772.

William Grimes, convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be publicly whipped “at the Market Cross at St. Albans until his body is bloody.” *Ibid.*/32.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1772.

Henry Pain and John Dell, convicted of petty larceny, ordered to be publicly whipped until their bodies are bloody. *Ibid.*/36.

Ann Bushy convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be privately whipped, and then discharged. *Ibid.*

George Taylor, otherwise Cummins, committed for a misdemeanour; ordered to be committed to the House of Correction to hard labour for six months, and to be publicly whipped at St. Albans once a month. *Ibid.*

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1772.

Robert Wilson, convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be transported for seven years. *Ibid.*/41.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1772.

William Meek and Phillip Hale, convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be publicly whipped at the Market Cross at St. Albans until their bodies are bloody. *Ibid.*/45.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1774.

William Howell convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be publicly whipped until his body is bloody. Gaol Book I/69.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1774.

William Lucas, convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be publicly whipped until his body is bloody. *Ibid.*/72.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1774.

Joseph Allen, convicted for stealing a quantity of wood, the property of Gilbert Kinder ; ordered to be burnt in the hand. *Ibid.*/75.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1775.

William East, convicted for stealing a red cloth cloak, the property of Thomas Surman ; ordered to be burnt in the hand. *Ibid.*/77.

William Edge, convicted for stealing two sheep skins ; ordered to be publicly whipped at St. Albans until his body is bloody. *Ibid.*

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1775.

Thomas More, convicted for receiving stolen goods ; ordered to be transported to one of his Majesty's colonies and plantations in America for fourteen years. *Ibid.*/80.

Mary Conner, convicted of grand larceny ; ordered to be transported to one of his Majesty's colonies in America for seven years. *Ibid.*/81.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1776.

Joseph Edmonds and William White, ordered to be transported to one of his Majesty's colonies and plantations in America for seven years. *Ibid.*/96.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1776.

Mary Halsey, convicted of stealing a woman's shift, a linen apron and a silk handkerchief ; ordered to be publicly whipped and then sent to a month's hard labour. *Ibid.*/96.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1778.

Richard Lewis, convicted of assaulting William Ashwell "for which he is liable to a sentence of transportation to any of his Majesty's colonies or plantations in America," ordered to be kept to hard labour "in the raising sand, soil and gravel from, and cleansing the river Thames, and other service for the benefit of the navigation of the said river." Gaol Book I/120.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1781.

John Deacon, indicted for stealing a mug; ordered to remain in gaol and take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions, "he now having the small pox upon him." *Ibid.*/171.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1781.

Sarah Doggett ordered to remain in gaol, "it appearing to the Court that the prosecutor could not attend, being very ill in the small pox." *Ibid.*/178.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1784.

Thomas Wright, convicted of grand larceny; ordered to be publicly whipped, on the last market day of this term. *Ibid.*/223.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1785.

Mathew James, convicted of grand larceny; ordered to be whipped in St. Michael's Street, and then passed. *Ibid.*/241.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1785.

Cuthbert Moore, convicted of obtaining goods of Elizabeth Woodhouse by false pretences; ordered to be publicly whipped. *Ibid.*/257.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1786.

John Belcher and Samuel Ansell, convicted of felony; ordered to be twice publicly whipped. *Ibid* II/5.

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“ The names of the noblemen and gentlemen who gave in their names and places of abode to John Cowper, gentleman, the clerk of the peace for the liberty and borough of St. Alban, for certificates for killing of game.”

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Essex.  
 The Hon. John Capell.  
 The Hon. Edward Capell.  
 John Finch, of Watford, esquire.  
 George Finch, of Watford, esquire.  
 Thomas Clutterbuck, the younger, of Watford, esquire.  
 William Smith, of Watford, common brewer.  
 Thomas Porter, of Watford, gentleman.  
 Frederick Walsh, of Redborn, gentleman.  
 Robert Manners, of Sarratt, esquire.  
 The Hon. William Grimston, of Oxhey.  
 William Jarman, of Abbots Langley, gentleman.  
 John Jones, of St. Albans, grocer.  
 John Willingham, of the same, tanner.  
 Richard Pearce, of Redborn, esquire.  
 John Dyson, of Watford, brewer.  
 John Dyson, the younger, of the same, brewer.  
 Lord Viscount Malden, of Cecil Lodge.  
 Robert Smith, of St. Stephens.  
 Thomas Okey, of Watford, currier.  
 Scarth Wyat Smith, of St. Albans.  
 John Parsons, of Rickmansworth, esquire.  
 James Wadman Alexander, of the same, esquire.  
 Thomas Thrale, of Saundridge.  
 John Buckmaster, of Watford, butcher.  
 John Willingham, of Paul's Walden, gentleman.  
 John Boarne, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 John Smith, of St. Stephens, esquire.  
 Benjamin Wilchin, of Aldenham, esquire.  
 William Alsop, of Idlestreet, gentleman.  
 Arnot Howard, of St. Stephens, gentleman.  
 John Saunders, of the same.  
 James Dunton Stone, of Rickmansworth, gentleman.

George Wingfield Wilson, of "Charley" Wood, esquire.  
 Simeon Howard, of Rickmansworth, esquire.  
 Daniel Howard, of the same, gentleman.  
 Edward Howard, of the same, gentleman.  
 Thomas Howard, of the same, gentleman.  
 Thomas Pasley, of Hexton, esquire.  
 John Ailway, of Watford, surgeon.  
 Lewis Paumier, of the same, gentleman.  
 Charles Kilby, of the same, gentleman.  
 John Dummer, of the same, plumber and glazier.  
 Samuel Dagnal, of St. Stephens, gentleman.  
 William Gape, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 Joseph Vandermeulen, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 William Kinder, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 Thomas Ewer, of Leavesden, farmer.  
 John Rigby, of Aldenham, gentleman.  
 Samuel Moody, of Watford, esquire.  
 Caleb Lomax, the elder, of Childwickbury, esquire.  
 Caleb Lomax, the younger, of the same, esquire.  
 Sir Gregory Page Turner, baronet.  
 Henry Smith, of St. Michaels, esquire.  
 John Johnson, of Chipping Barnet, gentleman.  
 Samuel Swann, of the same, gentleman.  
 Daniel Partridge, the younger, of the parish of St. Peter,  
     yeoman.  
 Peter Campbell, of Tittenhanger, esquire.  
 Joseph Spooner, of St. Albans, clerk.  
 John Munn, of Sandridge, gentleman.  
 John Emmet, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 John Clarke, of the same, gentleman.  
 Francis Delaval, of Redborn, esquire.  
 Levi Lavender, of Ridge, gentleman.  
 Robert Kentish, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 William Franks, of Abbots Langley, esquire.  
 George Eady, of the same, gentleman.  
 John Beyer, of the same, gentleman.  
 Charles Domville, of the same, gentleman.  
 George Bassil, of Redborn, gentleman.  
 Henry Tombes Smith, of New Barns, esquire.



Ralph Smith, the younger, of St. Michaels, gentleman.  
 Thomas Dearmer, of Saundridge, gentleman.  
 William Smith, of Worrals, farmer.  
 John Langford, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 John Cotton, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 John Gates, of Chipping Barnet, innkeeper.  
 James Carpenter Gape, of St. Michaels, clerk.  
 John Frankpit, of Watford, gentleman.  
 Thomas Harris, of Saundridge, farmer.  
 William Howard, of Watford, grocer.  
 John Osborn, the younger, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 William Weathered, of Saundridge, farmer.  
 Richard Stevenson, of Ridge, farmer.  
 William Smith, of St. Michaels, gentleman.  
 Joseph Monery, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 William Corbet, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 James Topham, of Ridge, farmer.  
 Sir Thomas Apreece, of Redborn, baronet.  
 The Rev. Edward Earle, of Rickmansworth, clerk.  
 Charles Bouchier, of Bramfield, clerk.  
 John Taylor, of St. Michaels, mealman.  
 John Barnet, of the parish of St. Peter, innkeeper.  
 John Agutter, of St. Albans, painter.  
 Richard Smith, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 Nathan Colyer, of London Colney, shopkeeper.  
 Charles North, of St. Michaels, farmer.  
 James Shipton, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 Lewis Majindie, of St. Stephens, esquire.  
 William Johnston, of Aldenham, esquire.  
 Sherlock Willis, of Aldenham, esquire.  
 Joseph Bradwin, of Watford, gentleman.

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A similar list in which the following additional names appear:—

John Williams, of the parish of St. Peter, gentleman.  
 Henry Hunter Williams, of the same, gentleman.

William Sedgwick, of Rickmansworth, gentleman.  
 John Strutt, of Rickmansworth, gentleman.  
 James Swannell, of Rickmansworth, gentleman.  
 Henry Spence Hogarth, of Rickmansworth, esquire.  
 Samuel Salter, of Rickmansworth, esquire.  
 George Morgan, of St. Julians, esquire.  
 John Boys, the younger, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 John Cooke Bourne, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 Thomas Dearman, of St. Michael's, farmer.  
 The Right Hon. James, Viscount Grimston, of Gorham-  
 bury.  
 Thomas Ansell, of St. Albans, brazier.  
 John Lulham, of Rickmansworth, esquire.  
 William Hawson, the younger, of St. Albans, draper.  
 William Garner, the younger, of St. Michaels, husband  
 man.  
 Solomon Weedon, of Rickmansworth, esquire.  
 James Wadman Alexander, of Rickmansworth, gentleman.  
 William Savigny, of Watford, gentleman.  
 William Higginson, of the same, esquire.  
 Robert Dundas, of Aldenham, gentleman.  
 Horatio Turner, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 Thomas Deacon, of Watford, gentleman.  
 William Williams, of Sarratt, clerk  
 Samuel Deacon, of Watford, gentleman.  
 Samuel Martin, of Marshalswick, esquire.  
 Francis Freeman, of the same, gentleman.  
 Isaac Webb, of the same, gentleman.  
 John Fothergill, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 Thomas Hunt, of St. Michaels, farmer.  
 Hammond Crosse, of St. Albans, esquire.  
 William Tanner, of Boreham Park, gentleman.  
 Edward Hampson, of Westwood, gentleman.  
 Joseph Butler, of Rickmansworth, gentleman.  
 Joseph Hone, of the same, yeoman.  
 Jeffs Inwood, of Chipping Barnet, gentleman.  
 Thomas Nicholl, of Watford, gentleman.  
 William Henry Wilmot, of St. Stephens, gentleman.  
 The Rev. Ludlow Holt, of Watford, Doctor of Laws.

John Septimus Grover, of Watford, gentleman.  
 Emanuel Samuel, of St. Albans, gentleman.  
 John Boddington, of the same, gentleman.  
 Ralph Thrale, of Saundridge, yeoman.  
 Robert Holder, of Tittenhanger, esquire.  
 Edward Howell, of the same, esquire.  
 John Bruton, of Codicot, farmer.  
 Joseph Shipton, of St. Albans, gentleman  
 John Cay, late of Whitecross Street, London, but now of  
 St. Albans, baker.  
 George Mason, of Aldenham Lodge, esquire.

Miscellaneous Book I/112-115.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1787.

William Eames and Thomas Grover convicted of felony ; ordered to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. Gaol Book II/8.  
 John Day convicted of felony ; ordered to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. *Ibid.*

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1790.

William Pinkerton convicted of entering the dwelling-house of John Burbridge ; ordered to be publicly whipped at the market place St. Albans. *Ibid.*/48.  
 Benjamin Timson, convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be publicly whipped at the market place at St. Albans. *Ibid.*

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1790.

John Kempson, convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned for six weeks and privately whipped the week before he is discharged. *Ibid.*/53.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1790.

Abraham Bean, convicted of stealing a pair of " leathern breeches, of the value of tenpence ;" ordered to be transported for seven years. *Ibid.*/57.

William Smith, convicted of stealing a silver mug of the value of four shillings, the property of Henry Arrowsmith; ordered to be privately whipped. Gaol Book II/57.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1790.

Joseph Murphy, convicted of stealing a cloth coat of the value of ten shillings; ordered to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. *Ibid.*/65.

William Dagnell and William Perry, convicted of stealing various pieces of clothing; ordered to be transported for three years to such places "as his Majesty, with the advice and consent of his privy council, shall order." *Ibid.*/64.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1791.

Alexander Allen, convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be imprisoned in the Liberty gaol for one week, and then publicly whipped. *Ibid.*/68.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1791.

Robert Forde, convicted of felony; ordered to be taken to Watford and there publicly whipped. *Ibid.*/70.

Jasper Arnold convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be publicly whipped at Watford. *Ibid.*

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1791.

Thomas Birch, convicted of petty larceny; ordered to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. *Ibid.*/75.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1792.

George East and Joseph Stevenson convicted of stealing coal and lead; ordered to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. *Ibid.*/86.

Seth Weedon, convicted of stealing one pair of leather shoes and buckles to the value of 1s. 2d.; ordered to be publicly whipped. *Ibid.*/89.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1793.

William Cherry, convicted of stealing two fowls of the value of sixpence, the property of Thomas Richards ; ordered to be transported for seven years. *Gaol Book II/92.*

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1793.

Samuel Davy, convicted of obtaining by false pretences three pieces of silver coin, "called half crowns," the property of John Jones ; ordered to be publicly whipped on market day at St. Albans. *Ibid./94.*

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1793.

Thomas Brooks and William Chalkley, convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be publicly whipped on market day at St. Albans *Ibid./97.*

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1794.

Charles Smith, convicted of stealing one pair of "leathern shoes of the value of tenpence ;" ordered to be publicly whipped at the Market Cross at St. Albans. *Ibid./110.*

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1795.

William Brown, convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be publicly whipped at the Market Cross at St. Albans. *Ibid./122.*

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1796.

William Simmonds, convicted of grand larceny ; ordered to be transported for seven years to such place as his Majesty, with the consent of his privy council, shall advise. *Ibid./129.*

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1796.

John Hanson, convicted of petty larceny ; ordered to be publicly whipped at the Market Cross at St. Albans. *Ibid./134.*

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1797.

William Adams, convicted of stealing two bushels of oats ; ordered to be publicly whipped at the Market Cross at St. Albans. *Ibid./138.*



## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1797.

James George McGee, convicted of committing a rape on Elizabeth Treader ; ordered to be "flogged at the cart's tail through all the public streets in St. Albans." Gaol Book II/151.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1798.

James Jackson, convicted of stealing one "timber chain," two plough-shares, one coulter and two hooks, the property of Susan Lomax; ordered to be transported for seven years. *Ibid.*/156.

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## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1800.

Order to the overseers of the poor, to deliver up to Mr. John Boys all accounts relating to the £98 9s. 0d. which they allege to have advanced and paid for the relief of the families of Militia men (names given). Sessions Roll LXIII/9; Sessions Book II/292; and Draft Sessions Book III/136.

Order that a certain part of the highway in the parish of Aldenham, leading from Bushey Mill towards Aldenham, between a messuage, etc., called Great Otterspool and the river Colne, for a length of 260 feet 6 inches, as described in a plan annexed, may be diverted and turned. The justices of the peace have viewed a course proposed for the new highway, lying at the back of the said messuage and a certain wood or "spring of wood ground" adjoining thereto, called Berry Grove, for the length of 250 feet 6 inches, and have received evidence of the consent of George Woodford Thelluson [Theullson], esquire, to the said highway being made through his lands. "Mr. Cowley, of Watford, is to pay the fees for this." Plan. Sessions Roll LXIII/26 and 27; Sessions Book II/291-292; and Draft Sessions Book III/136.

Surgeon's account of medicines supplied to Elizabeth Fletcher and John Smith, two vagrants, in the House of Correction:—

				s.	d.
" The Gargarizn	...	...	...	2	6
Do.	...	...	...	2	6
Applications to her face	...	...	...	5	0
The Gargarizn	...	...	...	2	6
The pills	...	...	...	1	0
The mixture	...	...	...	2	6
The pills	...	...	...	1	0
The restorative mixture	...	...	...	2	6
Do.	...	...	...	2	6
The emetic	...	...	...	1	0
The draught	...	...	...	1	0"

Sessions Roll LXIII/13 ; Sessions Book II/293 ; and Draft Sessions Book III/137.

Conviction of John Sandbach Greenway, of the Rose and Crown Inn, Watford, for refusing to billet two privates of the Hertfordshire Militia. Fined forty shillings. Sessions Roll LXIII/25.

Consideration of a letter from the Duke of Portland, Home Secretary, to the Lord Lieutenant of the County, recommending the adoption of certain measures to obviate the distress which the "industrious poor" are likely to suffer from the late unfavourable season, which will probably lead to a rise in the price of wheat and other grain. He suggests that letters be sent to the different high constables, requiring them to give notice in writing to the bakers to attend the court and show cause, "if they have any," against such orders as the court shall make respecting the making of "standard wheaten bread only" under the Act 13 George III. Sessions Book II/293 ; and Draft Sessions Book III/137.

Memorandum that "a large body of bakers" in the liberty attended the court and pointed out "some objections which they had against the making of standard wheaten bread only." Sessions Book II/302 ; and Draft Sessions Book III/142.

Order that the "contractor of the vagrants" be allowed an additional sum on his contract, on account of the increased price of hay and oats. Sessions Book II/303.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1800.

Account for smiths, bricklayers and painters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXIV/6 and 10-12; and Sessions Book II/311, 312.

Complaint of Philip Robert Wilson, surgeon, that George Hudson, grocer, of Chipping Barnet, assaulted him in the shop of the said Hudson, by "springing over the counter and seizing him by the right arm, shaking him violently and attempting to whirl him into the street, and, having thrown him out of his shop, said 'Get out, you dirty or rascally son of a bitch.'" Sessions Roll LXIV/22, 26, 27 and 28.

Lists of grand jurors, petty jurors and Contables. Sessions Roll LXIV/35.

Order to increase the salary of Ann Twitchell, keeper of the House of Correction, owing to the increased price of bread, straw and other necessaries provided by her, and the additional trouble and expense to which she has been put in consequence of the alteration lately made by the legislature in the mode of confining and punishing rogues and vagabonds. Sessions Book II/311.

Moses Moody appointed constable of Redbourn, in the room of Thomas Grace. Draft Sessions Book III/151.

William Sharp, convicted of stealing seven pounds of beef. Ordered to be imprisoned for one month, and once publicly whipped. Goal Book II/187.

Complaint of George Shepherd, of the parish of St. Stephen, labourer, stating that his brother, Daniel Shepherd, late of the same parish, deceased, was, about the end of February last, committed to the custody of Samuel Lines, the keeper of the Common Gaol of the Liberty, on suspicion of having set fire to a stack of corn, the property of Rogers Parker, esquire, of Munden, and that his said brother remained in prison for about three weeks, during which time he was kept a close prisoner; and that about a month or five weeks ago his said brother was released, there not being sufficient grounds for the accusation against him.

The said George Shepherd states that his brother, when he came out of prison, was very ill and emaciated, and complained that his illness was occasioned by his confinement and want of sufficient nourishment whilst in prison, and that he languished for about a month after his release and then died; that before he went to prison he was in good health, and that he himself said that his whole illness was occasioned by his want of nourishment there.

The said George Shepherd further states that "during his brother's confinement," he sent him "about one pound and an half of pork and nearly a half peck loaf," but that his brother complained to him that he did not receive "more than about half a pound of pork and a very little bit of bread." Mr. Parker, during the said Daniel Shepherd's confinement, allowed him 2s. 6d. a week, of which sum, as he informed the deponent, he never got "more than the value of 6d. a week." Samuel Lines, on the prisoner's release desired him to say, in case of inquiry, "that he was well used."

During the said imprisonment, his said brother sent for half an ounce of tobacco, and gave 6d. to Mrs. Lines, the gaoler's wife, for the purpose of buying it, but "he received no more than one pennyworth of tobacco for the sixpence, and, on asking for the change, he was told that there was no change out of the money." Sessions Roll LXIV/15.

Opinion on the foregoing information, signed "W. Watson, St. Albans," and dated 24th April, 1800 :—

"The circumstances of this case appear to be perfectly new, but at the same time call for severe animadversion, both from the Court of Quarter Sessions and those who have the appointment of the gaoler, provided the facts could be legally established.

"The party here was properly committed to gaol for *safe custody only*, and the keeper was bound by law to treat him with becoming humanity, more especially after the humane example which was set him by the magistrate at whose instance Shepherd was committed. But I am afraid no indictment can, in the first instance, be properly



framed to meet this case ; and the only mode, as it appears to me, would be for those who are capable of giving *ex parte* evidence as to facts, to go before the Grand Jury for that purpose ; and if upon their testimony the Grand Jury should see their way clear to make a presentment in writing, the Court will then be empowered to order an indictment to be prepared for the misdemeanour, or satisfy the Grand Jury by informing them that they will make such a representation as shall cause his, the gaoler's, dismissal. It might also be fitting for the Grand Jury to be apprised that they have a right *now* to visit the gaol and see whether there be anything presentable on their view and enquiry." Sessions Roll LXIV/16.

The Grand Jury having examined several witnesses on oath, are of opinion that very cruel and improper measures have been carried on towards the prisoners confined in gaol at St. Albans, and that the keeper thereof appears very reprehensible, and they hope the Court will order a strict examination into the said keeper's conduct. Sessions Roll LXIV/17 ; and Sessions Book II/313-314.

The Court, having considered the above presentment, declares that Samuel Lines "is a very unfit person to have the care of any person committed to that prison any longer," and directs the Clerk of the Peace to write to the Marquis of Salisbury, as Lord Lieutenant, with a copy of this order, and of the presentment and information, for his perusal. Sessions Book II/319 ; and Draft Sessions Book III/150.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1800.

John Strutt, of Rickmansworth, cotton manufacturer, fined 40s. for non-attendance on the grand jury. Draft Sessions Book III/159.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship, for raising by subscription of the members, a stock or fund for the mutual relief of the members. The meetings to be held at the "White Horse," at Redbourn. Sessions Book II/322.



Indictment of Samuel Lines, formerly keeper of the Liberty Gaol, for having, in the previous June, permitted Joseph Pridmore, overseer of the poor, who was committed to the said gaol for refusing to pay a certain sum of money adjudged to be due from him as overseer, to escape and go at large. Sessions Roll LXV/44. Gaol Book II/195.

Report by the Magistrates, who have visited the Liberty Gaol, that the prisoners appear in good health, but that, for want of bedding, the gaoler has hitherto used for them loose straw and rugs. The magistrates now recommend the provision of iron bedsteads, with "straw mattrases or paillasses." Report approved. Sessions Roll LXV/3; and Sessions Book II/324.

Order to pay John Cook,\* the keeper of the Gaol of the Liberty, £3 6s. 8d., "for the fees of five prisoners" committed to the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/323.

John Wilkinson, convicted of stealing hay to the value of ten shillings. Ordered to be imprisoned for one month, and once publicly whipped. Gaol Book II/195.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1800.

Account for carpenters work, and account of William Prudden for a "bath stove grate" provided by him for the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXVI/11, 12; and Draft Sessions Book III/164.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXVI/32 and 33.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1801.

Account of the constable of Smallford for "pressing waggons for the Warwickshire militia." Sessions Roll LXVII/3.

Account for carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXVII/4; and Draft Sessions Book III/169.

\*This entry shows that Samuel Lines, the late keeper (who had been previously charged with neglecting prisoners, and with allowing Joseph Pridmore to escape from custody), had been dismissed; but there is no record of John Cook's appointment as his successor.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXVII/17-18.

Indictment of Robert Howard, for having, on Christmas Day last, in a certain "spring of wood" called Toovey's Spring near Nascot Wood, in the parish of Watford, used a "gun, three spaniels and a setter" for taking game. Sessions Roll LXVII/19, 20.

EASTER SESSIONS, 1801.

Appointment of John Lines as constable of Redbourn, in the place of Moses Moody. Sessions Book II/370; and Draft Sessions Book III/178.

Account for masons and bricklayers work done at Frogmore and High Bridges. Sessions Roll LXVIII/2, 3; Sessions Book II/371 and 372; and Draft Sessions Book III/180.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXVIII/28 and 29.

Esther Absalom convicted of stealing a linen sheet, ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book II/208.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1801.

Mary Lee convicted of receiving goods to the value of three shillings, knowing the same to be stolen, ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book II/214.

Account for Portland stone supplied to, and for bricklayers and other work done at, the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/381-382; and Draft Sessions Book III/186.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXIX/33 and 34.

Order that the following sums be paid in regard to expenses in taking an account of the population of Great Britain, and of the increase or diminution thereof:—

£    s.    d.

The overseers of St. Peters, for taking the population of the hamlets of Sleep and Smallford in March last, "out two days" ... .. 2 2 0

The Clerk of the Peace, for twenty-four returns made by the overseer ... 1 4 0

The high constables of the hundred of Cashio, for precepts and returns :—  
Park Ward, Saundridge, Sleap and Smallford, in St. Peter's, Sleap and Smallford, in St. Stephen's, St. Michael, Tittenhanger, and Windridge ... 0 10 6

The same in regard to Brauntfield, Codicott, Hexton, Newnham, Norton, Paul's Walden and Sheephall ... 0 10 6

The same in regard to Aldenham Abbot's Langley, Rickmersworth, Sarratt and Watford ... 0 7 6

The same in regard to Chipping Barnet, East Barnet, Idlestree, Ridge and Northaw 0 7 6

Sessions Roll LXIX/6-12; and Sessions Book II/383.

Order that the rate allowed for carriage of soldiers and their baggage be increased by two pence *per* mile for waggons, bringing the sum to 1s. 2d. *per* mile, and a halfpenny *per* mile for carts, bringing the sum to 9½d. *per* mile. This increase is made in consideration of the present high price of hay and oats. Sessions Book II/394; and Draft Sessions Book III/191.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1801.

Allowance of expenses of the overseers of the poor and constables of various parishes, incurred in the execution of the Act of Parliament entitled "An Act for taking an account of the population of Great Britain and of the increase or diminution thereof." Payment is to be made by the Receiver General of the Land Tax. The expenses are as follows :—

The overseers of the poor of Rickmersworth, 6 persons 1 day at a guinea each ... 6 6 0

The overseer of Watford, for books, labour and expenses, 22 days at 6s. a day ... 11 17 1\*

\*Apparently only eight guineas was allowed for this and the following entry.

The constable of Watford, assisting the overseer, 5 days, "self and horse," 10s. 6d. a day, and horse hire 3 days 15s. 2 12 6\*

The churchwarden of Watford, assisting the overseer, 5 days at 10s. 6d. a day, and horse hire, 15s. ... 3 7 6

The constables of St. Stephen's parish 3 days in Park Ward, part of 2 days in Windridge Ward, and an unspecified time in Smallford Ward ... 3 3 0

Sessions Roll LXX/3, 4, 5 and 6; and Sessions Book II/397.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXX/21 and 22.

John Coil convicted of stealing one pair of boots. Ordered to be imprisoned for one month and to be publicly whipped at St. Albans. Gaol Book II/218.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1802.

Order to pay the constable of Chipping Barnet his expenses for raising the supplementary militia. Sessions Book II/404; and Draft Sessions Book III/195.

Account for smiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXI/4.

Lists of jurors and constables Sessions Roll LXXI/26 and 27.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1802.

Account for plumbers and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXII/4 and 7; and Sessions Book II/413.

Account of the high constable of the moneys paid by him to the petty constables who attended Barnet and Northaw Fairs. Sessions Roll LXXII/3; Sessions Book II/414; and Draft Sessions Book III/198.

Account for carpenters work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll LXXII/5.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXII/20 and 21.

\*See footnote on p. 99.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1802.

Record of the conviction of James Collyer, for killing and destroying fish in a river and stream at Rickmersworth, the property of Henry Fotherly Whitfield, esquire, in an enclosed ground, by putting hooks and night lines in the said river, without the consent of the owner. Sessions Roll LXXIII/24.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXIII/25 and 26.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1802.

Appointment of Joshua Howard, of the parish of Ridge, husbandman, as conveyer of vagrants. Sessions Book II/428.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXIV/38 and 39.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1803.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXV/21 and 22.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1803.

Account for plumbers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXVI/3; and Draft Sessions Book III/216.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXVI/23 and 24.

Jeremiah Dover, convicted of stealing six hens. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book II/241.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1803.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXVII/16 and 17.

Order to reimburse the constable of Chipping Barnet, the money paid by him for providing carriages and horses for conveyance of his Majesty's forces on their marches. Sessions Book II/455.

Account for masons work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/456.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1803.

At a special sessions held in the parish of Elstree (12th April 1803), it was ordered that a certain part of a highway in



the parish of Elstree, lying between the lands of John Allsop, esquire, now occupied by John Stephen Blache, and the lands of William Dunn, esquire, in length 181 yards, described in a plan annexed, be stopped up, and a new highway, through the lands of Thomas Haworth, esquire, of the length of 200 yards and breadth of 60 feet, be made, the said Thomas Haworth having consented thereto; the old highway, so stopped up, to become his property. Certificate of the due completion of the new road. Plan. Sessions Roll LXXVIII/22-26; Sessions Book II/459-461; and Draft Sessions Book III/223.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXVIII/18 and 19.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1804.

Appeal by John Allsop, esquire, against the order made (see last sessions) for diverting a highway in the parish of Elstree.

The ground of complaint is that the former highway was an "ancient" one, in a direct and straight line, in a "solid and good state of repair," of sufficient width for all purposes of travelling, and that the said new highway is not nearer or more commodious to the public, but, on the contrary (being formed in a semi-circle) "farther in extent" and extremely dangerous to horse and foot passengers by its circuitous form; moreover it will add very much to the expense of the land owners and inhabitants of the said parish to keep the same in repair.

The appellant alleges that, though the diversion had been carried out in accordance with the plan submitted to and approved by the justices, that plan was "erronously and incorrectly laid down." He also states that the old highway had passed his freehold close called the Paddock, adjoining his "capital mansion" and "larger freehold estate" on which he intended to build. He further complains that the soil of the old highway, instead of being allotted to him, whose land thereunto adjoined, had been allotted to Thomas Haworth, through whose land the new highway had been made.

The appeal is allowed and the former order declared

null and void. Sessions Roll LXXIX/14; Sessions Book II/470-472; and Draft Sessions III/228.

List of new and additional rules of a society of good fellowship, to meet at the "Plough," at Elstree. Sessions Book II/472; and Draft Sessions Book III/228.

Account of John Sage, for "lowering" and cleansing the well at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXIX/3; Sessions Book II/474; and Draft Sessions Book III/228.

Accounts for carpenters, bricklayers, and blacksmiths work done at the said Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXIX/1, 2, 5; Sessions Book II/474-475; and Draft Sessions Book III/228.

List of "things lost by the French prisoners" in the Liberty Gaol:—

- "1 pail.
  - 1 water pot.
  - 1 hat.
  - 2 ink stands.
  - 4 knives and 4 forks.
  - 1 pound of candels.
  - 4 chares brock.
  - 1 larg pitcher brock.
  - Lost, 1 tin pot with 6 shillings and 8 pence in it."
- Sessions Roll LXXIX/7.

Account of John Cook for his expenses in regard to prisoners in the Liberty Gaol, £3 6s. 8½d.; "ordered for losses by French prisoners," £1 1s. 0d.; total, £4 7s. 8½d. Sessions Roll LXXIX/8.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXIX/20 and 21.

Thomas Berry convicted of stealing one pickaxe of the value of tenpence. Ordered to be imprisoned three months, and to be once privately whipped. Gaol Book II/255.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1804.

Accounts for plumbers and glaziers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXX/5; and Sessions Book II/487.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXX/22 and 24.

Order, at a special sessions held at Elstree, 8 March 1804, that the road between Elstree and Shenley (ordered, in Michaelmas last, to be diverted, which order was quashed on appeal in Epiphany term last), be diverted as directed in a modified form, presumably in accordance with the appellant's ground of complaint.

An equal rate, not exceeding 6d. in the pound, is to be collected upon "all and every the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes and hereditaments," in the parish of Elstree, and paid to Sir Martin Browne Folkes, baronet, George Goodwin, Henry Maister, Gabriel Tucker Steward, the freeholders, and Thomas Howarth, the life-tenant, for the land taken for the new road, and the soil of the old road vested in them, and so much of the old highway and footway as adjoins the land of John Alsopp, esquire, and which lies in front of his freehold close of land called the Paddock, containing 12 perches, be stopped up, and the soil thereof vested in him. The gravel of the old highway is to be "take up" and used for the repair of the new highway. Sessions Roll LXXX/28-34; Sessions Book II/481-485: and Draft Sessions Book III/231.

Thomas Henton convicted of stealing three tablecloths, valued at twenty shillings. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book II/257.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1804.

Appeal by John Hayes, of Elstree, farmer, against the order for the diversion of the highway between Elstree and Shenley, made at the last sessions. The ground of appeal is that the old highway is an ancient one, in a direct and straight line, etc., and that the said new highway is neither nearer nor more commodious, but being formed in a semi-circle is farther, and dangerous to the public.

The appellant further states that the levy (directed by the last order) of 6d. in the pound, was "improperly directed and insupportable, by reason that the diversion of the said road is not of public utility or for the benefit of the public or of the inhabitants of the said parish of

Idlestree, otherwise Elstree, but solely done at the instance and for the accommodation of the said Thomas Howorth of his said estate only." On the appeal coming to be heard, the appellant, by his counsel, consents to the said former order and the court ratifies the same accordingly. Sessions Book II/496-501.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXI/40 and 41.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1804.

Account for carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol, including 13s. for a "coffin for the deserter that died in the jail," mending board in the dungeon, and oak board for boarding over the privy in the dungeon. Sessions Roll LXXXII/5; Sessions Book II/507; and Draft Sessions Book III/241.

Account for burying Caleb Fox, a deserter who had committed suicide in prison; the items include 8s. 4d. paid for fees for the minister, clerk, and sexton. Sessions Roll LXXXII/4; Sessions Book II/506.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXII/30, 31.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1805.

Refusal (on the ground that it had not been made within the time limited) of the appeal of Thomas Jones, of the borough of St. Albans, gentleman, against an order made 28th December, 1804, at a special sessions held at Saundridge Lodge, to divert and turn a certain part of the footway in the parish of Saundridge, lying between Evans Farm and Sandpit Lane, for the length of 715 yards (so as to make the same more commodious to the public) through the lands of the Right Honourable George John, Earl Spencer, for the length of 237 yards, and of the breadth of 3 feet, the said Earl having given his consent thereto. It was also then ordered that the said old footway from Sandpit Lane through the lands of George Sullivan Marten, esquire, should be stopped up. Sessions Book II/511-513; and Draft Sessions Book III/249.

Certificate of the completion of the aforesaid new footway.  
Sessions Roll LXXXIII/20, 21 ; Sessions Book II/514-515.

Account of bricklayers, masons, and blacksmiths work done at the  
Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXXIII/10, 11, and 12 ;  
Sessions Book II/517.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXIII/85, 86.

William Crawley convicted of stealing clothes to the value of ten  
shillings. Ordered to be imprisoned for two months and  
once publicly whipped. Gaol Book II/276.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1805.

Refusal of a further application to appeal in regard to the  
diversion of a footpath in Saundridge [see *ante*, Epiphany,  
1805]. The justices decide that the appellants had suffi-  
cient time in which to give notice of appeal, and confirm  
the motion for diversion, etc. The appellants were the  
said Thomas Jones, Thomas Taylor of Nashes' Farm in the  
parish of Saundridge, farmer, and James Tarbox, of Lems-  
ford Mills, in the parish of Hatfield, victualler ; the grounds  
of the appeal include incompleteness of plans, and other  
irregularities, and it is stated by the appellants " that the  
said old footway was a common and ancient way for all his  
Majesty's liege subjects to pass and repass on foot at their  
will and pleasure to and from Evans Farm, aforesaid, and  
the several other places to and from which the said footway  
led. And that the said new footway so set out in lieu  
thereof, does not render the way nearer or more commodious  
to the public, as by law it ought to be, in order to warrant  
or authorize the diverting and turning of the said old foot-  
way, but that the same, and the road or highway upon and  
over which the public are obliged to pass and repass, in  
consequence of such diverting and turning, is on the  
contrary much further in extent than the old footway, and  
although it contributes to the advantage and accom-  
modation of the said George Sullivan Marten, and the im-  
provement of his estate, it is nevertheless to the great  
prejudice and inconvenience of us, the said Thomas Jones,



Thomas Taylor, and James Tarbox, and of all other his Majesty's liege subjects, who have occasion to pass and repass to and from the several places to which the said foot-way doth lead." Sessions Roll LXXXIV/24-26; Sessions Book II/525-527; Draft Sessions Book III/255.

Account of plumbers and glaziers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book II/531; and Draft Sessions Book III/257.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXIV/43, 44.

William Adams convicted of stealing one woollen jacket, and two clasp knives. The prisoner "consenting to enlist into His Majesty's Service, he is ordered to be delivered over to the officer commanding the detachment of Royal Marines recruiting at St. Albans." Gaol Book II/286.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1805.

Certificate of conviction of William Lismore, the Captain of two boats belonging to Messrs. Newell and Cotton, for leaving in the night of 20th February last, on the Grand Junction Canal, in the parish of Abbots Langley, "the valves and cloughs of the locks Nos. 65 and 68, open and running after the boats had passed, so as to mispend and waste the water thereof."

Certificate of the conviction of Thomas Beamish, of Coventry, boatman, for suffering his boat or vessel "to strike or run upon the lock No. 65," situate in the said parish of Abbots Langley.

Similar certificate of the conviction of Richard Carwin, who had the care of a fly boat belonging to Mr. Gothard, carrier, for damage to lock No. 69.

Certificate of the conviction of Edward Pointon for not having, previous to his bringing his boat or vessel into the Lock No. 68, "shut the lower gates of such lock, and the sluices belonging thereto, before he had drawn the cloughs of the upper gates." Sessions Roll LXXXV/17-20.

Bartholomew Humphreys convicted of stealing one sow, valued at

ten shillings. The prisoner "consenting to enlist into his Majesty's service, he is ordered to be delivered over to the officer commanding the detachment of the 4th Regiment of Dragoon Guards recruiting at St. Albans." Gaol Book II/292.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXV/29, 30.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1805.

Confirmation of rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship, held at the Red Lion, in the parish of Elstree. Sessions Book III/21; Draft Sessions Book IV/5.

Order for the payment of constables for their attendance at Barnet and Northaw fairs "to prevent all manner of gambling," and to keep the peace, etc. Sessions Roll LXXXVI/5; Sessions Book III/22.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXVI/16, 17.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1806.

Confirmation of the rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship held at the Lower Red Lion, in the parish of Barnet. Sessions Book III/29; Draft Sessions Book IV/19.

Account of blankets provided for the prisoners in the House of Correction. Sessions Book III/31.

Certificates of the conviction of Jonathan Parsons, of Saundridge, baker, for exposing for sale, at Northaw, ten quartern and four half-quartern loaves of bread not marked either with a Roman W or Roman H, contrary to the statute, etc.; of James Clark, of Northaw, for having in his shop certain defective weights; of Benjamin Price and the said James Clark, for selling bread by short weight at Northaw; of Robert Field, of Idlestree, for having in his shop certain defective weights; and of James Coverton, for selling bread by short weight at Northaw. Sessions Roll LXXXVII/21-26.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXVII/63, 64.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1806.

Account of bricklayers, plumbers and glaziers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll LXXXVIII/4, 8; Sessions Book III/40; and Draft Sessions Book IV/25.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXVIII/26 and 27.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1806.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll LXXXIX/19 and 20.

Confirmation of additional rules of a society of good fellowship, held at the Plough at Elstree. Sessions Book III/49; and Draft Sessions Book IV/33.

Account for smiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book III/51; and Draft Sessions Book IV/33.

John Greenway found guilty of turning hogs into the public highway of Watford to the injury of the public. Sessions Roll LXXXIX/9; and Draft Sessions Book IV/32.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1806.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XC/ 31 and 32.

Confirmation of rules and regulations of societies of good fellowship to be held at the sign of the Three Sugar Loaves in Rickmersworth, and at the Bull at Barnet. Sessions Book III/5 and 6; and Draft Sessions Book IV/42.

Account for blankets supplied for the prisoners at the Liberty Gaol Sessions Book III/60.

Certificate, that, at a special sessions held at the Holt, in the parish of St. Stephen's, it was ordered that a certain public bridleway and footpath leading from Bedmont, in the parish of Abbots Langley, to St Albans, through and over part of the lands of Henry Field, belonging to his farm called the Holt, from a certain place called Bedmont Lane, near Searches Farm, to a certain other place called Noden Gate, in the said parish of St. Stephen, of the length of 624 yards, described in a plan annexed, should be stopped up, and

a new bridleway and footpath made in lieu thereof through the same lands, of the length of 407 yards and of the breadth of 6 feet. The new bridleway and footpath having been completed, the old way is ordered to be stopped up. Plan. Sessions Roll XC/8-10; Sessions Book III/57 and 58; and Draft Sessions Book IV/42.

Joseph Booth convicted of stealing two pieces of coal to the value of one penny. Ordered to be imprisoned six calendar months, and to be once publicly whipped. Gaol Book II/332.

These sessions were adjourned from the 9th to the 10th of October, owing to certain of the justices having taken their oaths after 12 o'clock noon on the previous day. Sessions Book III/61; and Draft Sessions Book IV/42.

William Child convicted of stealing "one brass flour drudger" to the value of one penny. Ordered to be imprisoned for one week and once privately whipped. Gaol Book II/331.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1807.

Certificate by Samuel Storey, esquire, mayor of the borough of St. Alban, that he had not received any "gratuity or reward" for making his return, at the present election of members to serve in Parliament. Sessions Roll XCI/13.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCI/31 and 32.

Indictment of Isaac How, of Chipperfield, for shooting game without licence. Sessions Roll XCI/30.

Confirmations of rules and regulations of societies of good fellowship, to be held at the Spread Eagle at Watford, the Maidenhead at Watford, and the Rose and Crown at Saundridge. Sessions Book III/65 and 66; and Draft Sessions Book IV/49.

Enrolment of an indenture, dated 13th October, 1801 (in accordance with the directions of an Act of Parliament for repairing, widening, turning and altering the road leading from Reading, in the County of Berks, through Henley, in the county of Oxford, Rickmansworth, Watford and

St. Albans to Hatfield), between Simeon Howard, John Kingston, John Wilson, William Sedgwick and Emmott Skidmore (five of the trustees) of the one part; and Henry Plaistowe, of Rickmansworth, baker, of the other part; setting out that whereas it shall be lawful to sell any of the lands comprising the old road after the new road has been made, and that the money arising from such sale be disposed of for repairing the road, the said trustees, in consideration of the sum of £3 3s. 0d., grant to the said Henry Plaistowe all that small piece of land (being part of the old or former road situate near a place called Croxley Green, in the parish of Rickmansworth, in the said county of Hertford, containing 20 poles, and bounded on the south by the lands of T. H. Earle, esquire, together with all appurtenances) to have and to hold to the said Henry Plaistowe, his heirs and assigns for ever. The said Henry Plaistowe, his heirs and assigns, undertake to keep, at all times, a good "quick fence" on the south-west side of the new road which has been made in lieu thereof. Sessions Book III/66-68.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1807.

Account for plumbers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XCII/4; Sessions Book III/79; and Draft Sessions Book IV/58.

**Appeal** by Andrew Stedman against his conviction for "using a dog and gun for killing game." Conviction confirmed. Sessions Book III/76, 84; and Draft Sessions Book IV/56.

**Rules** and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Three Compasses, at Hedgegrove, in the parish of Aldenham. Sessions Book III/77; and Draft Sessions Book IV/57.

**Order** that the clerk of the peace of the liberty write to the recorder of Reading, concerning the arrears of money due from that borough for maintaining the family of James Carter, now residing at Watford, "he being a substitute in the Berkshire militia for James Fardon, of the parish of St. Mary, Reading." Sessions Book III/78; and Draft Sessions Book IV/58.



Conviction of Joseph Saunders, late of Watford, for keeping two hogs in the streets of Watford. Sessions Roll, XCII/13.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCII/33, 34.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1807.

Order that an additional allowance of 4d. a mile for any waggon with four horses, and of 2d. a mile for any cart with two horses ("and so on in proportion for less carriages") be made by commanding officers to constables for providing such conveyances for the use of his Majesty's forces on their marches.\* Sessions Book III/85.

Order that the upper part of the staircase in the House of Correction be put into proper repair. Sessions Book III/86.

Presentment that a certain common highway leading from Abbots Langley and Hunton Bridge towards St. Albans and Watford, i.e., a certain part called Leavesdon Woodside, in the hamlet of Leavesdon, in the parish of Watford, containing in length about 170 poles, and in breadth about 11 feet, is in great decay for want of repair, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Leavesdon have been used and ought to repair the same. *Note* :—"The inhabitants of Leavesden have not yet appeared or pleaded." Sessions Roll XCIII/1; and Draft Sessions Book IV/65.

Notice to the petty constables of the hundred of Cashio to attend Barnet during fair week, that they may keep the peace and prevent all manner of gaming as well in alehouses as in other houses and places of public resort. Sessions Roll XCIII/9.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCIII/42 and 43.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1807.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Cat at East Barnet. Sessions Book III/94; and Draft Sessions Book IV/73.

\* This order occurs yearly to 1815.

John Hanwell, convicted of stealing one cotton gown and one woollen great coat, of the value of tenpence. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book II/348, 353.

John Harris committed for leaving his wife and family. To be imprisoned for six months and twice publicly whipped. Draft Sessions Book IV/70. Gaol Book II/353.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCIV/19 and 20.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1808.

James Atkins committed to the House of Correction for drawing the valves of the power-gate of lock No. 79 belonging to the Grand Junction Canal, whereby the water was misspent. Draft Sessions Book IV/79. Gaol Book III/5.

Account for plumbers, glaziers, carpenters and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. One of the items is for "repairing the tiling and tops of chimneys on the gaol, making good battlements and cleaning the gutters, etc." Sessions Roll XCV/5, 6 and 7; Sessions Book III/105; and Draft Sessions Book IV/84.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCV/15 and 16.

Information and complaint of Lewis Munn, of Rickmersworth, papermaker, that Charlotte Wilson has taken away from his mill and rag-house a great quantity of linen rags, being foreign rags. Committed. Sessions Roll XCV/27, 28, 29 and 44.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1808.

Rules and regulations of societies of good fellowship to be held at the George at Redbourn, and the Queen's Head at Colney Heath. Sessions Book III/112 and 113; and Draft Sessions Book IV/90.

William Coleman, convicted of stealing one hen turkey; ordered that the prisoner having voluntarily offered to serve his Majesty as a sailor, be safely delivered to the proper officer on board the tender at the Tower of London. Gaol Book III/14.

Estimate of repairs necessary to be done to the roofing of the wash-house, wood-barn and lodge at the House of Correction. Sessions Roll XCVI/11.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCVI/44 and 45.

Sarah Rose, convicted of stealing one dimity petticoat valued at one penny, and one cotton frock. Ordered to be imprisoned three months and to be twice privately whipped. Gaol Book III/12.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1808.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Queen's Head, Carricutt Hill, in the parish of Aldenham. Sessions Book III/122 and 123; and Draft Sessions Book IV/97.

Account of James Hill for his own expenses, and the expenses of six petty constables for their attendance at Barnet Fair and Northaw "Statute." Sessions Roll XCVII/6; and Sessions Book III/129.

Account for blankets provided for the prisoners at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XCVII/4.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCVII/21 and 22.

Certificate of the conviction of Thomas Noyce, the keeper of Agdele Lane turnpike gate, "lying across the turnpike road commonly called the Reading Turnpike Road, in the parish of Watford," for demanding from John Burch, son of Charles Burch, fishmonger, the sum of fourpence for the passage of a cart drawn by one horse through the said turnpike gate, being one penny more than he was entitled to demand by Act of Parliament. Fined 40s. and 9s. 6d. costs. Sessions Roll XCVII/13.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1808.

Account for locksmiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll XCVIII/5; Sessions Book III/134; and Draft Sessions Book IV/105.

Account of Messrs. Phillips and Hopwood for repairing the pump at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book III/133; and Draft Sessions Book IV/105.

Account of constables for attending Barnet and Northaw Fairs. Sessions Roll XCVIII/12.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCVIII/29 and 30.

Conviction of William Williams for begging and wandering in the parish of Watford, the said parish not being his place of residence. To be imprisoned for one month and, during that time, to be twice publicly whipped in the market-place of Watford. Sessions Roll XCVIII/32; and Draft Sessions Book IV/102. Gaol Book III/26.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1809.

Order that all rules and regulations of societies of good fellowship, intending to be enrolled at the quarter sessions, shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace three days previous to the holding of the quarter sessions. Sessions Book III/145; and Draft Sessions Book IV/117.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll XCIX/30 and 31.

Elizabeth Woodcock, convicted of stealing twelve cotton pocket-handkerchiefs of the value of two shillings. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book III/34.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1809.

Account for bricklayers work done at the Town Hall and gaol of the borough of St. Alban. The items for the Town Hall include:—"Mending the Council Chamber ceiling"; work on the "gable end"; new paving the kitchen hearth; and work on "Mr. Deayton's bedroom." Sessions Roll C/11; Sessions Book III/157; and Draft Sessions Book IV/124.

Additional rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the sign of the\* ——— in Rickmersworth. Sessions Book III/155; and Draft Sessions Book IV/123.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll C/19 and 20.

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## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1809.

Conviction of Richard Enever for begging in the parish of Watford, the said parish not being his place of residence, and for assaulting the constable when arrested. To be imprisoned for six months, and publicly whipped in the market-place at St. Albans. Sessions Roll CI/12 and 13; Sessions Book III/166; Draft Sessions Book IV/129, and Gaol Book III/44.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CI/24 and 25.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1809.

“The information and complaint of the Reverend Thomas James Jaumard, vicar of the parish of Codicote, in the liberty of St. Alban taken upon oath before me, John Clarke, esquire one of his Majesty’s justices of the peace for the said liberty, this 20th day of September, 1809, who saith that on Sunday last as he was returning from doing duty in an adjoining parish, about half-past twelve o’clock, a number of people were collected together in the village of Codicote aforesaid, whose behaviour was extremely riotous and disorderly, and in particular that John Catling, Daniel Filler, William Hawkins, Edward Pryer, William Cousinn, Thomas Dilly and Stephen Borders, all of the said parish of Codicote, labourers, were very much intoxicated with liquor, and in the act of carrying a person in a chair clothed in a garb or dress to excite the laughter and ridicule of everyone who beheld him, and attended by a great number of children in a most riotous and disorderly manner, to the annoyance of the peaceable inhabitants of the said village and in manifest breach of the peace. And that upon this informant cautioning the keepers of the public houses in the said village not to let them have any more liquor, the said John Catling, Daniel Filler, William Hawkins, Edward Pryer, William Cousins, Thomas Dilly and Stephen Borders loudly called after this informant in a very abusive manner and immediately carried the said person so dressed up as aforesaid in front of this informant’s windows to the great annoyance of himself and family, and in further breach of



the peace. Therefore this informant prays that the said John Catling, Daniel Filler, William Hawkins, Edward Pryer, William Couzins, Thomas Dilly, and Stephen Borders may be summoned to answer the said complaint, and may be further dealt with according to law." Sessions Roll CII/11.

Indictment of the above named persons in accordance with the above information. The prisoners pleaded not guilty, but withdrew their plea and pleaded guilty. Sessions Roll C III/2; Gaol Book III/50.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CII/22 and 23.

Rules and regulations of societies of good fellowship to be held at the Queen's Head at Saundridge, and the Tom of Bedlam, at Redbourne. Sessions Book III/172; and Draft Sessions Book IV/137.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1810.

Account for bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CIII/1 and 13; Sessions Book III/181; and Draft Sessions Book IV/147.

Account for masons and smiths work done at the Bridewell. Sessions Roll CIII/2 and 4.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CIII/29 and 30.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1810.

Mary Wilmot convicted of stealing one wooden box of the value of two shillings, and two books of the value of two shillings; and Mary Taylor convicted of receiving the same goods, knowing them to be stolen. Ordered that the said Mary Wilmot be transported for seven years, and that the said Mary Taylor be transported for fourteen years. Gaol Book III/62.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CIV/38 and 39.

Rules and regulations of societies of good fellowship to be held at the Black Horse at Chipping Barnet, the Blue Anchor at

Watford, the Bull at Rickmensworth, and the Falcon at Park Street. Sessions Book III/191 and 192; and Draft Sessions Book IV/155.

Order to enrol an order made at a special sessions at the Essex Arms Inn at Watford on 26 December, 1809, which directed that a certain part of the footway leading from Watford and Bushey to Aldenham Wood and Elstree, through the grounds of John Famm Timmins, esquire, at Hill Field Lodge, Aldenham, for the length of 133 poles  $11\frac{1}{4}$  feet, particularly described in a plan annexed, be stopped up, and that in lieu thereof a new footpath be made through the lands of the said John Famm Timmins, of the length of 138 poles  $9\frac{3}{4}$  feet. This new footpath having been made, the old one is ordered to be stopped up. Plan. Sessions Roll CIV/14, 15, 16; Sessions Book III/191; and Draft Sessions Book IV/154.

Benjamin Eames convicted of stealing a hand-saw, three iron wedges, and one hedging bill. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book III/63.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1810.

Appointment of Charles Hallett Pilgrim, of Pauls Walden, as high constable of the liberty, in the place of John Carrington, deceased. Sessions Book III/204; and Draft Sessions Book IV/160.

Appointment of John Deayton, of St. Albans, as keeper of the House of Correction, in the place of Ann Twitchell, deceased. Sessions Book III/204; and Draft Sessions Book IV/160.

Order for a contract to be made with William Jackson, of St. Albans, for the conveying and maintaining of vagrants. Sessions Book III/204; and Draft Sessions Book IV/160.

Account of Kent and Deacon for work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Book III/206; and Draft Sessions Book IV/161.

Account for smiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CV/4.

The high constable's account for providing constables at Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CV/9.

Conviction of Edward Batty, of Watford, labourer, for having, in a wood called Round Wood in the said parish of Watford, six snares for taking game on the property of the Earl of Essex. Sessions Roll CV/52.

Conviction of Joseph Edlin and Thomas Ives, of Watford, labourers, for poaching on a farm called Red Hall, the property of the above-said Earl. Sessions Roll CV/54 and 55.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CV/57 and 58.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1810.

John Peacock, convicted of stealing "a bunch of oak lath." To be imprisoned for six months, and to be once publicly whipped in the market-place of the borough of St. Alban. Draft Sessions Book IV/167. Gaol Book III/74.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Red Cow in Colney Street, in the parish of St. Stephen. Sessions Book III/213; and Draft Sessions Book IV/173.

Account for blacksmiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book III/214; and Draft Sessions Book IV/174.

Account of one of the high constables for his expenses in attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Book III/214.

Account for glaziers work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll CVI/1.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CVI/20 and 21.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1811.

Account of William Brown for "Witney blankets," for the use of the prisoners in the House of Correction. Sessions Roll CVII/5; Sessions Book III/221; and Draft Sessions Book IV/183.

Account for carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CVII/9 and 10; Sessions Book III/221; and Draft Sessions Book IV/183.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CVII/52 and 53.

Elisha Steed, convicted of stealing one pig. Ordered to be imprisoned for three months and to be once publicly whipped in the Market Place. Gaol Book III/82.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1811.

Account (£12 17s. 10½d.) for stonemasons work done at Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CVIII/8; Sessions Book III/232; and Draft Sessions Book IV/189.

Account of bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol, the items include: "To assisting masons and making good wall to doorway of Black Hole, damaged by local militia"; "taking down decayed parapet next churchyard"; "making good churchyard wall, damaged by falling of parapet." Sessions Roll CVIII/13; Sessions Book III/233; and Draft Sessions Book IV/189.

Account of bricklayers work done at the Bridewell. Sessions Roll CVIII/14; Sessions Book III/233; and Draft Sessions Book IV/189.

Notice to the justices by Ambrose Hanshen, Sarah Hanshen, James Young, Thomas Phrimpton, Henry Simmonds, Thomas Stone, Samuel Gotts, William Gotts, William Clark and James Webb, that they intend opening a room belonging to James Webb, at his house in Farthing Lane, in the parish of Watford, for the public worship of God. Sessions Roll CVIII/16; and Draft Sessions Book IV/188.

Order as to the repair of a part of a certain common highway leading from Radlett to Elstree Hill, namely that part which lies between Hill Sloughs Hill and Aldenham Lane, being of the length of 251 poles. One side of this highway lay within the parish of Aldenham, and was repairable by that parish, and the other side lay within the parish of Elstree and was repairable by that parish; it is therefore ordered, under the Act 34 George III, that the repair of the said highway be apportioned as follows, namely: that at the distance of 126 poles from Hill Sloughs Hill there shall be erected certain posts (marked "A" on the north side, and "E" on the south side of each post), one on



each side of the said highway, and that the whole of the said highway from Hill Sloughs Hill to such posts, shall hereafter be repaired by the parish of Aldenham, and that the whole of the said highway from such posts to Aldenham Lane shall hereafter be repaired by the parish of Elstree. Sessions Roll CVIII/18; Sessions Book III/230 and 231; and Draft Sessions Book IV/188.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CVIII/25 and 26.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1811.

Conviction of Henry Gates, of Watford, (on the complaint of Nathaniel Eyles, keeper of the turnpike gate, "near the bottom of Watford town") for evading the toll at Sparrow's Herne turnpike gate, in the parish of Watford, by going over Wigginhall Bridge, in the parish of Watford (with a cart drawn by two horses) which was not a public highway. Sessions Roll CIX/11.

Lists of Jurors. Sessions Roll CIX/15 and 16.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1811.

Account of John Godbott, deceased, for work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CX/6; and Sessions Book III/252.

Account of expenses of several of the high constables and constables for taking the census. Sessions Roll CX/7, 8, and 9; Sessions Book III/252 and 253.

Conviction of Richard Theed, for travelling in the parish of Rickmersworth, with two carts and two horses, as a hawker, pedlar, and petty-chapman, with earthen-ware for sale, he not being a licenced hawker. Sessions Roll CX/15.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Coach and Horses, in the parish of Rickmersworth. Sessions Book III/251; and Draft Sessions Book V/17.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CX/28 and 29.



## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1812.

Account of Messrs. Fowler and Son, for bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book III/262.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXI/34 and 35.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1812.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Rose and Crown in Sandridge. Sessions Roll CXII/1; Sessions Book III/269; and Draft Sessions Book V/35.

Account for bricklayers, plumbers, and carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXII/12, 13, and 19; Sessions Book III/271 and 272; and Draft Sessions Book V36.

Accounts of overseers for taking the census. Sessions Roll CXII/17 and 18.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXII/48 and 49.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1812.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Black Horse at Rickmersworth. Sessions Book III/282-3; and Draft Sessions Book V/46.

Licence for John Rumball, of St. Stephens, to keep a house in that parish for the reception of lunatics. Sessions Book III/288; and Draft Sessions Book V/45.

Account of the overseer of Chipping Barnet for taking the census. Sessions Book III/285.

Information against Thomas Davenant (or Deverall) for assault on Sarah Smith, dairy maid to Richard Nichols, esquire, at Greenhill Grove, Barnet. Reference is made to "Mr. Bone a cow-doctor." Sessions Roll CXIII/29; and Draft Sessions Book V/41.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXIII/48 and 49.

James Deaven, convicted of "unnatural assault." Ordered to be imprisoned for twelve months, and that he stand in the

pillory, on a market day, in the market place at St. Albans, from 11 till 12 in the forenoon. Gaol Book III/122.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1812.

Order that William Gotch, who was convicted of felony, be delivered over to the recruiting officer of his Majesty's Royal Marines, having voluntarily offered to serve as a soldier or sailor. Draft Sessions Book V/53. Gaol Book III/130.

Account of John Palmer "hundreder" of the liberty of St. Albans of his expenses "for a pilory brought from Hertford" to execute the sentence passed upon James Deavin. Sessions Book III/290.

The house of Joseph Rogers at Watford, registered as a place of religious worship "for a congregation of his Majesty's protestant subjects, dissenting from the Church of England." Sessions Roll CXIV/2; and Draft Sessions Book V/57.

Expenses of the petty constables for attending Barnet Fair and Northaw "Statute." Sessions Roll CXIV/14.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXIV/53 and 54.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1813.

Order that the articles of apprenticeship made between Luke Turner, of Rickmersworth, tailor and habit-maker, and John Gurney, be dissolved on account of the defective eye-sight of the said John. The money paid to the said Luke Turner for the said apprenticeship is to be refunded. Sessions Roll CXV/2.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the Spread Eagle in Watford. Sessions Book III/298; and Draft Sessions Book V/72.

John Gilbert convicted of stealing seven bell glasses for beehives, the property of Eleanor Davies, sentenced to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book V/65; Gaol Book, III/141.

William Titmus, convicted of stealing a quantity of wheat from the premises of Thomas Deacon, esquire, sentenced to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book V/66 ; Gaol Book III/142.

Order to stop up part of a certain footway within the parish of St. Peter, lying between the village of Park Street, and the lane leading from New Barns into the turnpike road from the town of St. Alban to the village of London Colney, which passes through the yard called Wood Yard, of Joseph Timperon, esquire, at New Barns, into the lane or way leading from New Barns into the said turnpike road, for the length of 77 yards ; and to make, in lieu thereof, a new footway commencing at a certain gate of the said Joseph Timperon, at the entrance from Park Street into the said Yard, leading from the said gate in an altered line, along the outside of the fence of the said yard, and between the said fence and the river there, into the aforesaid lane or way, which said new footway is 79 yards in length and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet in breadth, the new footway had been made, with the consent of the said Joseph Timperon, through his land, and the site of the old footway is vested in him. Plan. Sessions Roll CXV/3-7 ; Sessions Book III/298-300 ; and Draft Sessions Book V/71.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXV/72-73.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1813.

Account for carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book III/311.

Account for smiths work done at the Liberty Goal. Sessions Book III/311.

Samuel Farmer, convicted of stealing a quantity of wheat, the property of John Clarke, esquire, to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book V/79. Gaol Book III/152.

Thomas, son of Abraham Farmborough, discharged from his apprenticeship to James Long, of Rickmersworth, carpenter, on account of ill-treatment. Sessions Roll CXVI/1.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXVI/34 and 35.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1813.

Order to stop up part of the highway within the parish of St. Stephen, lying between a farm called the White House Farm, in the said parish, and the village of Bedmond, for the length of 212 feet, and bounded on one side by a certain close of meadow land of Samuel Reynolds Solly, esquire, at Serge Hill aforesaid, called the Home Meadow, and on the other side by the garden and premises belonging to the mansion house of the said Samuel Reynolds Solly, at Serge Hill aforesaid, and to make, in lieu thereof, a new footway, commencing at the entrance to the said close of meadow, and leading through the said close into the said highway from Whitehouse Farm to Bedmond, of the length of 214 feet, and of the breadth of 17 feet. This new highway had been made with the consent of the said Samuel Reynolds Solly, through his land, and the site of the old highway is vested in him. Plan. Sessions Roll CXVII/1 and 2; Sessions Book III/319-320; and Draft Sessions Book V/95.

Licence to John Rumball, of St. Stephen's, to keep a house in the said parish for the reception of lunatics, not exceeding ten in number. Sessions Book III/320-321; and Draft Sessions Book V/95.

Order that the clerk of the peace insert advertisements in the "County Chronicle," and "County Herald," for receiving tenders for a contract for conveying and maintaining vagrants. Sessions Book III/321; and Draft Sessions Book V/94.

Order that Mr. Thomas Godman [the liberty] surveyor, do meet Mr. John Simpson, the county surveyor, at the bridge over the Colne called Bushey Mill Bridge, which bridge was "supported by private persons, owners of adjacent property, and for a great number of years past used by the public." The said bridge had been presented by the Grand Jury as decayed and impassable; the surveyors are to make a report to the magistrates as to the repairs necessary, and also give an estimate of the cost of such repairs. Mr. Roger Parker, and Mr. Robert Clutterbuck are requested



to give such directions for repair as shall seem meet.\* Sessions Roll CXVII/18; Sessions Book III/321; and Draft Sessions Book V/95.

At the adjourned sessions it was ordered that the clerk of the peace do make a contract with William Jackson for the conveying and maintaining of vagrants. Sessions Book III/325; and Draft Sessions Book V/102.

Mr. Thomas Godman produced a plan and estimate for building a bridge with three arches over the river near Bushey Mill. Order that he produce further estimates, one for building a bridge with one arch, and another with two. Draft Sessions Book V/102.

At the further adjourned sessions Mr. Godman produced plans as directed. It was ordered that John Clarke, esquire, one of the liberty justices be deputed to attend the magistrates of the county at their petty sessions to be held at Hertford on the 21st August, to communicate with them upon the subject of building a new bridge over the River Colne at Bushy Mill, and be empowered to sanction any resolution which the county magistrates may adopt in respect thereof. In the meantime an account is to be sent of these proceedings to the clerk of the peace for the county. The liberty clerk of the peace is ordered to wait on Major Wood and to obtain his consent to use the material of the old bridge at Bushey Mill in building the new one. Sessions Book III/327; and Draft Sessions Book V/103 and 104.

The clerk of the peace produced a letter from Mr. Provis, surveyor to the Grand Junction Canal, containing an account of the expense of building bridges over that canal. Draft Sessions Book V/103 and 104.

Jonathan Woodcock, convicted of stealing two waistcoats, two pairs of stockings and one neck handkerchief, the property of Edward Jones, of Rickmersworth. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book V/91. Gaol Book III/161.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXVII/38 and 39.

\*See Calendar Herts County Records—Sessions Rolls, Vol. II, pp. 237, 239, 247 (2), 259 (2), 266 (2), 272.



## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1813.

Account for bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXVIII/4, and 9-11, Sessions Book III/331; and Draft Sessions Book V/112.

Account for carpenters work done to the Liberty Gaol, including "jobs in Bridewell." Sessions Roll CXVIII/5; Sessions Book III/331; and Draft Sessions Book V/112.

Lists of jurors and constables. Sessions Roll CXVIII/31 and 32.

Thomas Hadnutt, convicted of stealing three hurdles, to be imprisoned three months and publicly whipped in the market place at St. Albans on a market day. Draft Sessions Book V/107. Gaol Book III/170.

Mr. Clarke reported that he had attended the petty sessions held at Hertford, when the magistrates of the court approved the plan for building a bridge with three arches over the river Colne at Bushey Mill, and of the estimate of George and Thomas Fowler to erect the same for £390. Sessions Book III/330; and Draft Sessions Book V/111.

Proposals for making alterations to the Liberty Gaol "opened," but adjourned for a fortnight, when the justices ordered that the proposals of Mr. James Fitch for making the necessary alterations in the gaol be accepted, and that the clerk of the peace be ordered to instruct him not to begin the same until the first day of May. Sessions Book III/334 and 337; and Draft Sessions Book V/119.

Order to inspect the pump of the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book III/337; and Draft Sessions Book V/119.

Order that the treasurer pay Messrs. George and Thomas Fowler the sum of £50 on account of their contract for building Bushey Mill Bridge. Sessions Book III/338: and Draft Sessions Book V/120.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1814.

Account of smiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXIX/6; Sessions Book III/345; and Draft Sessions Book V/126.

Account of locksmiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXIX/10; Sessions Book III/345; and Draft Sessions Book V/126.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXIX/26 and 27.

Thomas, William, Judith, and Richard Millard, convicted of stealing four bushels of wheat, ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book V/125 and 131. Gaol Book III/177, 182.

Order that an additional allowance for firing in the Liberty Gaol be made "during the present inclement season." Sessions Book III/344.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1814.

Order upon a report made by Mr. Thomas Goodman, as to Bushey Mill Bridge. It appeared to him on inspecting this bridge, that "the points of the piers or cutwaters have suffered much from the severity of, and long continuance of the frost and the large heavy flakes of ice driving against them." The main body of the brick work was substantial, and the repairs and injuries which it had sustained by the frost would amount to £5. It also appeared to him that the road is "not sufficiently raised to make a proper 'draught' " over the bridge, "especially on the county side," and that the work performed and materials found by Messrs. Fowler "in piles and brickwork were necessary to render the bridge substantial." On this, Mr. John Clarke, one of the liberty justices, reported to the effect that Mr. Simpson the "county surveyor" had made a similar report to Mr. Goodman's, and that the county justices had ordered the payment of £54 4s. 0d. to Messrs. Fowler for additional labour and materials. It was therefore ordered that a similar sum be paid from the Liberty funds. Sessions Book III/353 and 354; and Draft Sessions Book V/135 and 136.

Account of bricklayers work done to the Liberty Gaol, including a charge "for making a plan and specification for the intended addition to the jailer's room." Sessions Roll CXX/3 and 5; Sessions Book III/355; and Draft Sessions Book V/137.

Account for carpenter's work done to the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXX/10 ; Sessions Book III/356 ; and Draft Sessions Book V/137.

Record of the conviction of William Ebelthite, of Rickmersworth, bricklayer, indicted for poaching and using a dog called a lurcher, in a field in the parish of Rickmersworth. Fined £5. Sessions Roll CXX/20.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXX/43 and 44.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1814.

Ordered that additional sums of £1, for additional timber in the old staircase leading into the new rooms now building in the gaol ; £1 2s. 0d. for a new oak trunk to convey the water from the building at the gaoler's or keeper's lodge, be allowed to James Fitch in addition to his contract. Sessions Book III/363 ; and Draft Sessions Book V/145 and 150.

Order that the contract with William Jackson for conveying and maintaining vagrants be renewed. Sessions Book III/363 ; and Draft Sessions Book V/149.

Order that Isaac Piggot's offer to sell a piece of land adjoining the House of Correction, containing 20 poles, be accepted, with the addition thereto of five yards from the road (leading from the town of St. Albans to the silk mills) to the extremity of the land offered for sale, for the sum of £100 ; and that a conveyance thereof be made to John Boys, esquire, Liberty treasurer, in trust, for the purpose of being used in making additional buildings or conveniences to the House of Correction. Sessions Book III/365 ; and Draft Sessions Book V/149 and 150.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXI/18 and 19.

James Bacchus convicted of assaulting Mary Clarke. Gaol Book III/191.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1814.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship established at the Unicorn in the parish of Abbot's Langley. Sessions Book III/370 ; and Draft Sessions Book V/160.

Order to stop up part of a highway within the parish of Abbot's Langley, lying between Hunton Bridge, in the said parish, and Levesden Green, in the parish of Watford, for the length of 351 yards, and to make in lieu thereof a new highway through the lands of Henry Botham, of Hazelwood, esquire, of the length of 316 yards, and of the breadth of 20 feet. This new highway had been made, with the consent of the said Henry Botham, through his land, and the site of the old highway is given to him "as a recompence and satisfaction" for the land given for the new highway. Plan. Sessions Roll CXXII/21-24; Sessions Book III/371; and Draft Sessions Book V/161.

The court, being of the opinion that "the present form of the Court House requires alterations to make the same more commodious to the public," it is ordered that such alterations be made under the direction of Francis Searancke, esquire, mayor of St. Albans, and George Watlington, two of the Liberty Justices, together with the Reverend William Mogg Bowen, and the Reverend James Carpenter Gape, two of the borough justices. Sessions Book III/372; and Draft Sessions Book V/161.

Account of James Hill, one of the high constables, for attending Barnet Fair, and Northaw "Statute." Sessions Roll CXXII/13 and 14; Sessions Book III/373; and Draft Sessions Book V/162.

Account for carpenters work for the Liberty Gaol (£17 2s. 8½d.); the items include "fixing a partition across the kitchen." Sessions Roll CXXII/3 and 4; Sessions Book III/374; and Draft Sessions Book V/161.

Account for bricklayers and builders work at the Liberty Gaol; the items include "laying hearth and setting stove in new room," "taking down old grate in lodge;" "cement for job in press-yard." Sessions Roll CXXII/6; Sessions Book III/374 and Draft Sessions Book V/161.

Account for plumbers and glaziers work at the Liberty Gaol and Bridewell, (£31 17s. 9d.). The items are for mending roof, repairs to the pump, glass for windows, etc. Sessions Roll CXXII/7-8; Sessions Book III/374; and Draft Sessions Book V/161.



Account for "building additional rooms at the lodge of the Liberty Gaol, agreeable to estimate" (£95) "new oak spout" (£1 2s. 0d.; "bathstove fender" (£1 16s. 0d.) "range" (£1 12s. 0d.). Sessions Roll CXXII/9; Sessions Book III/374; and Draft Sessions Book V/161.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXII/69 and 70.

John Hough, convicted of felony, ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book V/153.

William Caffall and John Caffall acquitted on the charge of stealing two eels out of a certain wicker basket, wheel, or buck, in the River Colne in the parish of Rickmersworth, the property of Robert Williams, esquire. A witness refers to the theft having taken place near "the weir called Tolpot Weir." Sessions Roll CXXII/1. 25, 26 and 63; and Draft Sessions Book V/153, 154 and 157.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1815.\*

Account for smiths, plumbers, and glaziers' work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXIII/2, 3, 5; and Draft Sessions Book V/180.

Account of Thomas Godman for surveying the new bridge at Bushey Mill over the river dividing the liberty of St. Albans from "the other part of the county of Hertford." The items include:—preparing a plan of a bridge of three arches, which was agreed on; inspecting the bridge when the "piers were all out of the water," when it was deemed "very questionable whether the foundations were so low as specified they should be"; "meeting Mr. Simpson at the bridge, which was now (27 November) finished, and giving orders about the gravelling of the road and about wharfing to be done on the county side." Sessions Roll CXXIII/15; and Draft Sessions Book V/180.

Examination of Ann, wife of Thomas Murray, residing at Rickmansworth, "comedian," as to the theft of the said Thomas

\* The fair copied Sessions Book for this year is missing.



Murray's "great coat" by Joseph Stone. Sessions Roll CXXIII/32-35.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXIII/42, 43.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1815.

Account for plumbers and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXIV/7, 8; and Draft Sessions Book VI/19.

Account for carpenters work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll CXXIV/11.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXIV/62, 63.

Advertisement, inserted in the county papers, for an estimate for building a brick wall at the House of Correction. The estimate of Mr. Thomas Chambers was accepted. Draft Sessions Book VI/20.

Memorial of the charity estates belonging to the parish of St. Peter.

A tenement in St. Peter's Street called the Parish Workhouse, and now in use as such.

A tenement on the south side of the churchyard of the parish of St. Peter, now in the tenure of William Harris, purchased with money given by the will of Sir Richard Coxe, knight, in 1632.

Four cottages situated in a certain lane called Cock Lane, wherein poor families are permitted to dwell, rent free.

Three cottages in the same lane, "forming heretofore six, but now divided into seven dwellings, and appropriated to the same use, built by John Masterman, of London, goldsmith, in lieu of three other tenements which formerly stood opposite to a messuage" called the White Horse.

Two tenements in St. Peter's Street, now in the occupation of George Sherman and ——— Head, together with five cottages behind the said tenements, in the occupation of William Woodland, Thomas Bean, John Bean, John Peacock, and Thomas Howard, and three other tenements in Katherine Lane, near St. Peter's Street, late in the

occupation of William Wells, Thomas Cooke, Ann Stubbs, and John Wall, which were lately erected on a certain close or pightle, and are held, together with the said two tenements in the occupation of John Sherman and Mrs. Head, by the said William Wells, for a certain term of years now unexpired, and which were given by the last will of Robert Hodgkinson, late of the parish of St. Peter, bearing date 2 August, 1598, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

A messuage or tenement situate at London Colney, in the parish of St. Peter, adjoining a certain messuage called the Checker Inn, on the north and west, now in the occupation of John Light.

A messuage, cottage, or tenement in London Colney, adjoining to the last-mentioned messuage.

A close or closes, lying in the parish of St. Peter, commonly called Lamb Closes, containing two acres, abutting "north on Catherine Lane aforesaid, east on St. Peter's Street aforesaid, west on a close called Gumbards, and south on a messuage, garden, and close, in the occupation late of Mrs. Pembroke now of John Barnes."

Two closes of land called Palfrey Closes, containing 6 acres and 36 poles, lying together in the said parish of St. Peter, adjoining to a common called Bernard Heath on the east; abutting on lands in the occupation of William Mew, on the west and south; and a lane leading from Bernard Heath aforesaid towards St. Michaels, north; which said closes called Palfrey Closes, and the rent-charge of five pounds per annum, hereinafter mentioned, payable out of a close called Calver Mead or Culver Close, were purchased with money given by the last will and testament of Robert Robotham, late of Gray's Inn, bearing date 10 April, 1670, and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, whereby he directed £300 to be laid out in purchasing lands of the clear yearly value of £15, out of which he bequeathed to the minister of the parish of St. Peter £5 per annum for ever, upon condition that once in every year, upon his anniversary day he should read divine service and preach a sermon, and if he should neglect to perform that duty

the testator directs that this bequest shall revert to his executors and their heirs for ever. He also bequeathed to eighty poor persons of the said parish, especially widows and labourers such as frequent the church, and no "fanatics," twelve pence a piece, to be paid on his anniversary day, and also to the clerk and sexton of the parish 5s. per annum for preparing the church on the said day; and lastly to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor other five shillings per annum for their labour in distributing the legacy to the poor.

A piece or parcel of meadow land, called Plaish, lying near Colney Heath, in the said parish of St. Peter (abutting on the King's highway on the south-east, and on the land formerly in the occupation of Richard Howard on the south-west), late in the occupation of William Weatherd, now or late of John Smith.

Several closes of arable land, underwood, and wood-ground, called Thorps, containing forty acres, lying in the parish of Saundridge, in the occupation of Jonathan Parsons.

A piece of meadow, formerly part of a certain field called Woodmead, lying in the parish of St. Stephen, abutting west on the highway leading from Holywell to St. Stephen's, "containing in breadth eight poles, wanting eight feet, from the hedge and ditch on the south side, to the north, and at the south side, in length from the said highway, beginning close to the hedge and so along in length to the hedge on the east of the said field, dividing the lands formerly of Richard Sadler and William Packington, and now of Elizabeth Margravine, of Brandenburg, forty-eight poles, and containing on the other side in length from the said highway leading from Holywell to St. Stephen's along the north side to the aforesaid hedge which parteth the grounds formerly of the said Richard Sadler and William Packington, now of the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Grimston, forty-eight poles, fourteen feet and two inches, and from the south to the north, containing in breadth eight poles, wanting five feet, and at the east end thereof, at the edge that parteth the said lands heretofore of the said Richard Sadler and William

Packinton, and now of the said Lord Viscount Grimston, in breadth ten poles eight feet; the whole contents thereof being two acres two roods and twenty-two poles, now or late in the tenure or occupation of John Willan."

A croft or "spring" called Spital Croft, containing four acres, lying near Tittenhanger Green, in the parish of St. Stephen, occupied by David Watson.

An annuity, rent charge, or annual sum of 10s. payable yearly, out of a certain field called Keyfield, in the parish of St. Peter, part whereof is converted into garden ground, and is in the tenure of the said David Watson.

Another annuity, rent charge, or annual sum of 10s. payable out of a certain close called The Lawns, heretofore the lands of Richard Sadler and William Packington, now of Lord Grimston.

Another annuity, rent charge, or annual sum of £5, payable out of a certain close, lying in the parish of Saundridge, called Calver Mead, or Culver Close, containing six acres, abutting south upon a lane called Sandpit Lane, and west on the highway leading from St. Albans to Saundridge.

The gross annual income arising from the above-mentioned estates is £148 5s. Od.

The general objects of the said charities are for the repairs of the parish church of St. Peter, but by whom the said lands were originally given is not known, except as to lands which were given about 10 Henry VIII, [A.D. 1518-19], by the will of Richard Copecott, for an obit.

All the said premises are now vested in the feoffees in trust for the parish, by virtue of a deed of feoffment dated 5 February, 1805.

Certified by Alfred William Robert, vicar; James Brown; Thomas Rogers; Philip Gutteridge; John Boys; John Hair; Benjamin Fowler; William Cannon; Robert Nicholls; Thomas Mansell; Joseph Bunn; and Frederick Gough. Miscellaneous Book II/13-19.

Memorial of the estates belonging to the charity called "The Cross Keys Charity."

A messuage now in the occupation of James Fitch,



carpenter, with certain cottages and a stable behind the same, all leased to Francis Carter Searanck, near the site of a messuage, formerly called the Cross Keys Inn, on the east side of the Holywell Hill, (part of which messuage called the Cross Keys Inn was purchased for £900, of the feoffees in trust of the said inn, by the trustees of the St. Albans turnpike road under an act of parliament 34 George III, for the purpose of making a new road at the entrance into the said town, and by them pulled down and laid into the road).

A back-side or piece of ground, usually occupied with the said messuage, called the Cross Keys, lying behind the above mentioned messuage, extending eastward on the north side of the London Road, containing one acre, one rood and two perches, now in the occupation of Francis Kingston.

A piece of garden ground by the side of the new road adjoining the last-mentioned premises, leased for sixty years from Michaelmas, 1784, at £3 10s. 0d. a year, to George Eady, gentleman, and another small piece of ground, lying waste, also by the side of the said road containing, 714 feet in length, and from 80 to 100 feet in breadth.

One messuage or tenement in Church Row, sometime in the occupation of William Knight.

One tenement in Fishpool Street, sometime in the occupation of ——— Bush and Thomas Buckingham.

The fair “holden and kept on Rome land within the town of St. Alban, on the 8th September in every year, called Prey Fair,” and all the profits thence, arising; “which fair having gone to decay is now totally discontinued and lost.”

£992 16s. 10d., five per cent. Navy Bank annuities, purchased with the said £900 before-mentioned, now standing in the name of Francis Kingston.

The gross annual profit arising from all the estates is £92 13s. 0d.

The object of the said charity is that the trustees should employ, yearly, one moiety of the revenues towards the repair of “the church of St. Albans, called the Abbey Church”;



and the other moiety, one-half part to be distributed towards the relief of the poor of the parish of St. Peter, and the other half amongst the poor of the parish of St. Alban.

The charity, according to the best of the trustees' knowledge and belief, was founded by indentures dated the 4th April, 16 James I [A.D. 1618], whereby Mathew Small, late of Paddington, in the county of Middlesex, esquire, Humphrey Bowden, late citizen and merchant tailor of London, and Elizabeth Pemberton, late of London, widow, conveyed the said premises to certain persons therein mentioned, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon the trusts aforesaid.

Certified by George John, Earl Spencer, John Kentish, Francis Kingston, John Harrison, William Brown, Thomas Baker, M.D., F. C. Searancke. Miscellaneous Book II/19-22.

Memorial of the charity estates belonging to the charity called Mrs. Jane Nicholas's Charity.

A freehold messuage, barn, etc., with twenty-four acres of land, situate at Hexton.

Two farms, called Aynells [Agnells ?] and Sand Hill, in Westoning, in the county of Bedford, held by lease "from the Master or Keeper and Fellows of Gonvil and Caius College," in Cambridge, for the term of twenty years from Michaelmas, 1804.

The gross annual value of the estate is £327 15s. 0d.

The objects of the said charity, after payment of £20 yearly to the heirs of Sarah Brock, named in the said Mrs. Nicholas's will, are to pay to the parson of the parish of St. Alban, and his successors £5, "for his preaching an annual sermon in the said Abbey Church," and "to pay unto six poor widows, or other of the poorest people of the parish of St. Alban," and to two other poor widows of the parish of St. Peter, and to two other poor widows of the parish of St. Michael, the sum of £5 a piece.

The Charity was founded by Mrs. Jane Nicholas, late of St. Albans, widow, by her last will dated 14th October, 1780, and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

Certified by John Boys, Moses Wilson, John R. Hayward, W. Runciman, William Brown. Miscellaneous Book II/22-24.

A memorial of the charity estates belonging to the charity called Lathbury's Charity.

Two tenements and a piece of ground in the parish of St. Alban, one standing in or near the market place adjoining "to the Clock House," in the occupation of Sarah Baker, widow, and leased to her for ten years from Midsummer, 1812, at the yearly rent of £12; the other messuage is on the north side of Dagnall Lane, and in the occupation of ——— Smith, which, with a small slip of ground behind the same, now laid into the orchard or pigstie belonging to the house of Messrs. Mathew and William Kentish, is leased to John Kentish for twenty-one years from Michaelmas, 1799, at the annual rent of £3 10s. 0d.

The gross annual income arising from the charity amounts to £15 10s. 0d.

The said charity was founded by Thomas Lathbury, of Broxbourne, by his last will dated 2nd June, 1579. Miscellaneous Book II/24-25.

Memorial of the estates belonging to the charity called Mr. Robert Skelton's Charity.

One messuage divided into two tenements, now in the occupation of Richard Carter at the yearly rent of £14, and of Thomas Topham and David Topham at the yearly rent of £12, situated in the Borough of St. Albans in a certain street called the Malt Cheaping, between the tenement heretofore of Pierce Clarke, and now of Robert Russell, on the north, and the tenement heretofore of William New, and now of Samuel Aviss, on the south, and extending from the street aforesaid on the east, to the lane leading to the Wheat Cheaping on the west.

One messuage or tenement now divided into two tenements, and now in the occupation of Luke Batten at the yearly rent of £13, and of Walter Reed at the yearly rent of £7 16s. 0d., situated in the Borough of St. Albans in

a place or street called Fish Shambles, and adjoining a messuage or public house called The Lamb.

The gross annual income payable out of the said estates is £46 16s. Od.

The objects of the charity are to give twenty-six penny loaves to twenty-six poor people, of the parish of St. Alban, at the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers thereof, in the south aisle of the church, on every Sunday in the year immediately after Divine Service, if any service or sermon should be performed or "otherwise about the hour of eleven in the forenoon of every such Sunday." And to give thirty groats to thirty poor widows and other poor people, on the Friday next before Whitsunday. And as to the overplus and profits yearly arising, over and above the said weekly and yearly gifts, the churchwardens and overseers, or feoffees in trust, are to keep it in trust, in some bank or stock, until the same should amount to some reasonable sum, for the purpose of buying some other land or thing for the further use and relief of the poor.

The charity was founded by Robert Skelton, of the borough of St. Albans, gentleman, by an indenture of feoffment, dated 5 May, 4 Charles I [A.D. 1628].

Certified by John Samuel Story; William Domville; Thomas Kinder; James Carpenter Gape; the Reverend John Payler Nicholson, clerk (rector of the said parish of St. Alban); William Brown. Miscellaneous Book II/26-29.

Memorial of the charity estates belonging to the free school founded by Mrs. Elizabeth Allen.

Three closes of freehold meadow land, situated in Wood Street, in the parish of Chipping Barnet, on the south side of the high road leading to Barnet Common, and nearly opposite to Garrett's Almshouses, now in the occupation of Mr. William Hill, held on a lease which expires on 29 September, 1820, at the yearly rent of £48.

A perpetual rent charge of 20s. yearly, issuing out of a close of copyhold land, the estate of Sarah Wisdom, spinster, adjoining on the east side thereof.

The objects of the charity are for the building of a free school, and for the support and maintenance of a schoolmaster to teach all the poor children in Chipping Barnet, male and female, "in the English tongue to read, as far as the Holy Bible, and writing and arithmetic, as far as the rule of three, and for giving to every scholar a Bible when they leave the school, if they could read the same."

The charity was founded by Elizabeth Allen, formerly of Berkhamsted, but afterwards of Melcombe Regis, in the county of Dorset, widow, by virtue of her last will dated 10 February, 1725.

The trustees to the charity are :—The Reverend Benjamin Underwood, rector of East Barnet and Chipping Barnet ; the Reverend Richard Neate, of Whetstowe, in the parish of Finchley, in the county of Middlesex, clerk ; The Reverend Charles Jeffreys Cottrell, rector of Hadley ; James Quilter ; Andrew Hopegood, of Hadley, esquire ; Edward Garrow, of Totteridge, esquire ; Alexander Dury, of Hadley, esquire ; Thomas Parkes, of Chipping Barnet, esquire. Miscellaneous Book II/29-31.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1815.

James Hewitt, otherwise George Field, otherwise Philip Gibbons, committed for obtaining 10s. 6d. by false pretences from James Walter, Viscount Grimston, pretending that he had been robbed and beaten by footpads on the highway ; to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CXXV/13 ; and Draft Sessions Book VI/26.

Account for smiths' work done at the Liberty gaol. Draft Sessions Book VI/27.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXV/29, 30.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1815.

Account for carpenters, plumbers and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. The items also include the cost of "the brick wall" built at the House of Correction as estimated in Easter, 1815. Sessions Roll CXXVI/1, 2, 11, 12, 14 ; and Draft Sessions Book VI/40, 45.



Account of William Gooch:—"To a small house-gun, with bayonet"; and "second-hand sword, for ditto," for the use of William Cook. Sessions Roll CXXVI/7.

Account for constables attending Barnet Fair and Northaw Statute. Sessions Roll CXXVI/8.

Account of bricklayers work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll CXXVI/15; and Draft Sessions Book VI/45.

Certificate of the justices of the liberty, that upon view they found that a certain public footpath, within the parish of Paul's Walden—containing in length 650 yards, leading out of a certain highway from Bendish to the village of Whitwell, at the south-west corner of a close of John Hill, called the Home Pasture, for 60 yards, when it enters the said close and proceeding along the west and north sides of the said Home Pasture till it enters another close, called the Home Close, at the north end thereof, and then proceeding along the same to the west corner of another close of the said John Hill, called Cookesherne, where it enters the same and proceeds along the west and south sides thereof until it enters a lane called Church Lane, opposite a gate at the north corner of a field of the said John Hill, called Cowcraft (as described in the plan annexed)—may be diverted and turned so as to make the same nearer for the public.

The new footway is to be 602 yards in length, commencing at the said west corner of the Home Pasture along the highway, leading from Bendish to Whitwell, for 207 yards to the west corner of the Home Close, across the same in an eastwardly direction till it enters the Church Lane at a gate going into a "pightle" of the said John Hill, called the Hospital, and thence along the lane called Church Lane to the north corner of the field called Cowcraft.

The consent of the said John Hill having been received, it is ordered that the said footway be so diverted and turned; the old footway be stopped up, and the ground thereof given, in compensation, to the said John Hill. Sessions Roll CXXVI/19-23; and Draft Sessions Book, VI/39.



Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXVI/53 and 54.

William Webb ordered to be transported for seven years, for stealing a quantity of fowls, the property of Robert Field of Elstree. Draft Sessions Book VI/33.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the house of J. Clayton, known by the sign of the "Black Horn," at Chipping Barnet. Draft Sessions Book VI/37.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1816.

Joseph Barker and John Barker ordered to be transported for seven years, for stealing "a piece of cheese, a loaf of bread and three pieces of bacon". Draft Sessions Book VI/48.

Joseph Lupton, David Jackson and Richard Major committed for "wilfully, maliciously and contemptuously disturbing a meeting or congregation of persons assembled for religious worship, authorized by Act of Parliament, at Elstree". Fined £10 each. Sessions Roll CXXVI/2, 37; and Draft Sessions Book VI/49.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at the "Lion and the Lamb", in the parish of Redborn. Draft Sessions Book VI/55.

Account of bricklayers, glaziers and plumbers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXVII/12, 13, 19; and Draft Sessions Book VI/60.

Account of glaziers and plumbers work done at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll, CXXVII/22; and Draft Sessions Book, VI/60.

Declaration (under the Act 39 George III) by James Hugh Perry, late of Uxbridge, in the county of Middlesex, but now of Watford, that he intends to set up a printing press in Watford, and requires a licence therefor. Sessions Roll CXXVII/1.

Lists of Jurors. Sessions Roll CXXVII/59, 60.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1816.

Order, made by the justices at a special sessions held at Aldenham,

that a certain old highway, lying between the west end of Hog Lane and the south end of Bride Street, in the parish of Aldenham, for the length of 880 yards, and of the breadth of 16 feet (described in a plan annexed), be stopped up, and the land thereof sold by the surveyor, reserving nevertheless a right of way or footpath, of the width of 3 feet, across the said old highway, for persons passing from Caldicot Hill to Aldenham Wood according to ancient usage. Sessions Roll CXXVIII/16, 17; and Draft Sessions Book VI/69.

Licence to John Rumball, of the parish of St. Stephen, surgeon, to keep a house for the reception of lunatics not exceeding ten in number. Draft Sessions Book VI/70.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXVIII/56, 57.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1816.

Account for bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXIX/8; and Draft Sessions Book VI/9.

Indictment of James Nicholls, son of William Nicholls, of Aldenham, for fishing in the private fishery of John Falcon, of Garston House, in the parish of Watford, by laying two "night hooks" in the said water. Sessions Roll CXXIX/20.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXIX/65, 66.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1816.

Conviction of Michael Harrow for stealing twelve geese and several ducks and fowls; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CXXX/22; and Draft Sessions Book VI/93, 95.

Account of the constables for attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CXXX/7; and Draft Sessions Book VI/104.

Account of William Webb for repairing the Liberty Gaol and the pump there. Draft Sessions Book VI/104.

Account for painting the court in the town hall. Sessions Roll CXXX/13; and Draft Sessions Book VI/104.

Account for smiths and bricklayers work done at the Town Hall.  
Sessions Roll CXXX/4; and Draft Session Book VI/104.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXX/47, 48.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1817.

Conviction of Isaac Sims, toll collector of the Turnpike Gate, commonly called Ridge Lane Turnpike Gate, lying across the Berkhamstead St. Peter's Turnpike Road between Watford and King's Langley—for demanding of John Greenway the elder, of Watford, innkeeper, the sum of one penny for the passage of a saddle horse not laden, through the said Turnpike Gate, being more, by one halfpenny, than he was entitled to demand. Sessions Roll CXXXI/1a-5; and Draft Sessions Book VI/116, 118.

Conviction of William Jennings, of Watford, liberty surveyor of the Reading and Hatfield Road, for neglect of duty in his office, for not having the hedges on the highways in many places, "cut, plashed,\* or pruned, or the trees cut or pruned," according to the Act 13 George III. Fined 50s. Conviction quashed on appeal. Sessions Roll CXXXI/6, 7, 8; and Draft Sessions Book VI/116, 119.

Account of Edward Greenhill for repairing two pulls to a bell from the council chamber at the Town Hall, and new wiring. Sessions Roll CXXXI/13; and Draft Sessions Book VI/124.

Account for carpenters, plumbers and glaziers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXXI/18; and Draft Sessions Book VI/123, 124.

Account "for taking Charles Siddon, being one of the rioters at London, on the 2nd day of December last, at London." Sessions Roll CXXXI/25.

Conviction of Mary Ann Ruffett, of St. Michaels, for stealing a pocket book containing several Bank of England and other notes, the property of Jonathan Dover. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CXXXI/36, 37, 42, 62; and Draft Sessions Book VI/109.

\* Plash = to bend or spread boughs.—Bailey's Dictionary.

Appointment of John Sedgwick as high constable, in the room of his late father, Mr. William Sedgwick, deceased. Draft Sessions Book VI/119.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXI/59, 60.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1817.

Information by John Edmonds Bailey, one of the surveyors of highways in the parish of St. Stephen, that there is a certain common highway, leading from Waterdell to Leavesden Woodside, in the parish of Watford, and that there is a certain part of the said highway (marked C—D on plan annexed) in length 184 poles, one side of which last mentioned part of the said highway, adjoining to the parish of St. Stephen, ought to be repaired by that parish, and the other side of the same part of the said highway, lying in the parish of Watford, ought to be repaired by that parish; “the repair of such part of the said highway is very inconvenient to the parishes aforesaid, and the want thereof detrimental to the public.” Prays that the justices will allot and apportion the highway for the repairs of the same. The justices order that the highway be divided for repair as follows:—That at a distance of 92 poles, measuring from a place marked “C” on the plan, there shall be erected certain posts or stones marked “E” and “F” on each side of the said highway; and the whole of the highway, from the place marked “C” to such posts or stones, shall, from time to time and at all times, be repaired by the parish of St. Stephen; and the whole of the highway from such posts or stones to the place, marked “D” on the plan, by the parish of Watford. Sessions Roll CXXXII/38, 39.

Judith Fitzgerald, committed as a rogue and vagabond, found wandering and begging in the parish of Watford, not having any legal settlement. Ordered to be passed to the boundary of the kingdom towards Ireland. Draft Sessions Book VI/133.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be

established at the "Rose and Crown" in Mile End, in the parish of Rickmansworth. Draft Sessions Book VI/139.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXII/56, 57.

General order that two magistrates be appointed to inspect the repair of bridges. Draft Sessions Book VI/145.

Order that George Watlington and Robert Clutterbuck, esquires, be authorised to inspect the repairs necessary to be done to that part of Bushey Mill Bridge, within the liberty of St. Albans, and give such orders for the repairs of the same as they shall think fit. Sessions Roll CXXXV/1. Draft Sessions Book VI/145.

Order that the Mayor of St. Albans and Mr. Clarke are to view Frogmore Bridge, and see what repairs, etc., are necessary, and give such orders as they shall think fit. Draft Sessions Book VI/145.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1817.\*

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be held at the "Chequers", St. Albans. Draft Sessions Book VI/165.

Account of bricklayers, locksmiths and carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Draft Sessions Book VI/162.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1817.

Account of constables for attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CXXXIII/24.

Accounts for carpenters and bricklayers work done at the liberty gaol. Sessions Roll CXXXIII/2, 3, 8, 19, 21; and Draft Sessions Book VI/188.

Examination of witnesses concerning John Greenway of Watford, who refused to pay his taxes, and threatened to stab Joseph Leach, tax collector. Sessions Roll CXXXIII/76-79; and Draft Sessions Book VI/177, 181.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXIII/83, 84.

\* The Sessions Roll for this term is missing.



Licence for John Rumball, of St. Stephens parish, surgeon, to keep a house for the reception of lunatics, not exceeding ten in number. Draft Sessions Book VI/159.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship, to be established at the "Cat" at East Barnet. Draft Sessions Book VI/159.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1818.

Appeal by George Smith, baker, against a conviction and fine of 40s. for having in his possession, in his seasoning tubs, a preparation or mixture of which alum was an ingredient, contrary to the statute, and for selling bread deficient in weight. Conviction upheld. Draft Sessions Book VII/7, 10.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXIV/48, 49.

Account for plumbers and glaziers work done at the gaol. Draft Sessions Book VII/16.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1818.

Order that Richard Lean, the younger, be discharged from the office of constable of the hamlet of Tittenhanger, in the parish of St. Peter, and that Thomas Hilton be appointed in his stead "until the lord of the manor of Tittenhanger shall hold a court for the appointment of another constable." Draft Sessions Book VII/32.

Account for tiling roof, clearing gutter, etc., at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXXV/7.

Account of carpenters and bricklayers work and material for the repair of Bushey Mill Bridge. Sessions Roll CXXXV/2, 3, 4, 5; and Draft Sessions Book VII/33.

Lists of jurors. Session Roll CXXXV/56, 57.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1818.

Account for plumbers and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll, CXXXVI/3, 6; and Draft Sessions Book VII/53.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXVI/63, 64.

John Greenway found guilty of assaulting Joseph Leach, collector of taxes, in the parish of Watford; sentenced to imprisonment for six months, and to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years after the expiration of the said sentence. Draft Sessions Book VII/50.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at "the Two Wrestlers," at Aldenham Wood. Draft Sessions Book VII/51.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at "the Green Dragon," at London Colney. Draft Sessions Book VII/51.

John Rumball, of St. Stephen's parish, surgeon, licensed to keep a house for the reception of lunatics not exceeding ten in number. Draft Sessions Book VII/51.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1818.

Conviction of John Norris for felony; sentenced to transportation for seven years. Sessions Roll CXXXVII/60; and Draft Sessions Book VII/40, 61.

Order, bearing date 10 August, 1818, for diverting and turning a footway from Rickmansworth to Amersham and Chenies confirmed and enrolled at this sessions. Draft Sessions Book VII/89.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at "the Three Sugar Loaves" in the town of Rickmansworth. Draft Sessions Book VII/89.

Account of constables for attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CXXXVII/3; and Draft Sessions Book VII/91.

Account for carpenters, bricklayers, and plasterers work, etc., done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXXXVII/11; and Draft Sessions Book VII/91.

Account for repairing the council chamber in the Town Hall. Draft Sessions Book VII/91.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXVII/57, 58.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1819.

Conviction of William Budd, collector of tolls at the turnpike gate, called the "Black Boy Turnpike," in the parish of St. Stephen, for exacting too "great a toll" from William Kinder in respect of one horse drawing a cart driven through the said turnpike gate by the said Kinder; fined £5. Sessions Roll CXXXVIII/36, 54; and Draft Sessions Book VII/102, 105.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXVIII/72, 73.

Accounts for repairing Bushey Mill Bridge. Sessions Roll CXXXVIII/9, 10; and Draft Sessions Book VII/107.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1819.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society to be held in the vestry room of the parish church of Sarratt. Draft Sessions Book VII/124.

Rules and regulations of a "Female Friendly Society" established at Watford, to be held in the vestry room of the parish church of Watford. Draft Sessions Book VII/124.

Order, for stopping up Cow Lane in the Parish of Rickmansworth, confirmed at this sessions. Draft Sessions Book VII/125.

Account for plumbers, glaziers, smiths and carpenters' work done at the gaol. Sessions Roll CXXXIX/13, 14; and Draft Sessions Book VII/130.

Indictment of William Larkins, late of Chipping Barnett, for that he did "demolish, pull down, destroy and damage a certain fence of one Thomas Booth" erected for enclosing a certain piece of land formerly parcel of a common waste of the manor of Chipping Barnet and East Barnet, and then and lately enclosed by virtue of an Act of Parliament made 55 George III, and also for destroying one other fence of the said Thomas Booth, enclosing a certain plantation, to the great damage of the said Thomas Booth. Acquitted. Sessions Roll CXXXIX/94.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXXXIX/100, 101.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1819.

- Conviction of William Hamerson *alias* Horton, and John Blight *alias* Chipping, for stealing a pair of "white cord breeches", the property of James Enever; ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VII/136, 137.
- Conviction of Samuel Brown for stealing a hoe, potato fork, a sack and two powder horns, the property of George Cornwall, of Chipping Barnet; ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VII/137.
- Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at "the Rose and Crown", at Buck's Hill, in the parish of Watford. Draft Sessions Book VII/145.
- Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at "the Artichoke", at Croxley Green, in the parish of Rickmersworth. Draft Sessions Book VII/145.
- Account for masons work done at Frogmore, Colney Street, and High Bridges. Sessions Roll CXL/24-26; and Draft Sessions Book VII/130, 147.
- Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXL/77, 78.
- Conviction of Philip Bates for felony, sentenced to transportation for seven years. Sessions Roll CXL/80.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1819.

- Conviction of Benjamin Lee, for stealing a silver watch valued at 20s., a gold key of the value of 2s., and two gold seals of the value of 5s. 6d., the property of William Partridge. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book IV/1.
- Conviction of Joseph Deacon for stealing a fowl or pullett. Ordered to be imprisoned for one month, and "within that time, on a Saturday during the market, to be publicly whipped at St. Albans." Draft Sessions Book VIII/8.
- Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at "The Cat Inn," at East Barnet. Draft Sessions Book VIII/20; and Sessions Book IV/5.

Order that John Thomas Lipscombe, esquire, mayor, and certain magistrates (named) be a committee to enquire into the escape of Richard Crouch from the gaol, and to inspect and report upon the security of the prison generally. Sessions Book IV/7. (See also Epiphany Sessions 1820.)

John Fountain, sworn constable of Tittenhanger. Draft Sessions Book VIII/21; and Sessions Book IV/8.

Account for plumbers and glaziers work done at the gaol. Draft Sessions Book VIII/24.

Account for work done to the pump at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXLII/12; and Sessions Book IV/10.

Account of constables for attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CXLII/13; Draft Sessions Book VIII/24; and Sessions Book IV/10.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLII/54, 55.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1820.

Accounts for glaziers and plumbers work done at the Bridewell and gaol. Sessions Roll CXLII/16; Sessions Book IV/22; and Draft Sessions Book VIII/51.

Report of a committee of justices appointed to enquire into the escape of Richard Crouch from the Liberty Gaol. The committee find that he was locked up in a room at the head of the stairs on the second floor, usually called the debtors' room, and found that the mode by which he escaped, on the 18th of October last, was "by inserting the end of a large faggot stick, part of the fuel he was provided with, which he had cut and fitted for the purpose, into the space between the staple and the bolt of the lock," and was thereby enabled to loosen the staple and open the door, that he passed out of the entrance door, unobserved by any of the gaoler's family, between 2 and 4 in the afternoon, the gaoler himself being absent in the town on business. The committee observed that the lock might not have been double locked, in which case it would be easy to unbolt it, and even if double locked it appears to be a



very insecure fastening. There is a strong bolt on the outside of the door, which the gaoler admits was not fastened, and he also admits that neither of the doors on the staircase were fastened. It appears to the committee that the said gaoler took no active means to recover the said prisoner by pursuit, but they observe that he has no assistant or deputy to discharge his office during any occasional absence. They consider that on the whole the prisoner was not secured as sufficiently as he might have been, and that no efficient means were taken by the gaoler for his recovery beyond the insertion of advertisements in some of the newspapers, by order of the gaoler, who offered a reward of ten guineas for his re-apprehension.

They further report, that since their visit, the said Richard Crouch has been retaken, and is again confined in the Liberty Gaol.

(Signed) JOHN THOS. LIPSCOMBE, mayor.  
VERULAM.  
JNO. CLARKE.  
J. C. GAPE.

Sessions Roll CXLII/22-23; Sessions Book IV/21; and Draft Sessions Book VIII/50. See also *ante* Sessions Book IV/7.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLII/87, 89.

John Paine, convicted for felony, ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/30; and Gaol Book IV/13.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1820.

Order to pay John Mason £5 19s. 4d., for "tin spouts to the Town Hall." Sessions Book IV/32.

Account for braziers work done at the Town Hall. Draft Sessions Book VIII/74.

Account for smiths and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXLIII/25; Draft Sessions Book VIII/73, 74; and Sessions Book IV/34.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLIII/70, 71.

John Stratton, convicted of felony, ordered to be imprisoned for two months, and during that time to be once publicly whipped at the market place, St. Albans, on a market day, between the hours of 12 and 1. Draft Sessions Book VIII/56; and Gaol Book IV/26.

William Sadler, appointed constable for the parish of St. Michael, for the ensuing year. Draft Sessions Book VIII/73; and Sessions Book IV/31.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1820.

John Rumball and James Quilter Rumball, surgeons, licenced to keep a house for the reception of lunatics, in the parish of St. Stephen, not exceeding ten in number, for the space of one year, during which time they are to allow certain justices and Thomas Baker, doctor of physic, to inspect the said house; if they refuse, the said licence is to be void. Draft Sessions Book VIII/84, 92; Sessions Book IV/43; Gaol Book IV/46, 47; and Miscellaneous Book III/3, 4.

Memorandum of the conviction of William Gates, of Rickmansworth, for attempting to kill, take or destroy fish in "the fishery of a part of the river called Chesham Stream," running through the lands of Elizabeth Morgan, and owned by her, without her authority, and against the form of the statute. William Been, of Rickmansworth, testifies that he saw the said Gates, with a stick or pole in his hand, with one James Tibballs, walking about in the said river or stream, to take, kill or destroy the fish, and that the said part of the said river or stream was not in any park, paddock, garden, orchard, or yard adjoining or belonging to any dwelling house, but was, and is, in enclosed ground and the private property of the said Elizabeth Morgan. Fined £5. Sessions Roll CXLIV/28—31.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLIV/45, 46.

Rules and regulations of a society of good fellowship to be established at the "Red Lyon," at Aldenham. Draft Sessions Book VIII/92; and Sessions Book IV/41.

Order that notice be given to the magistrates acting for the

liberty, that, at the next session, the Court will take into consideration the expediency of appointing a chaplain to the gaol. Draft Sessions Book VIII/94; and Sessions Book IV/44.

Certificate, by the two justices and physician appointed to visit the house of John Rumball, in St. Stephen's parish, licenced for the reception of lunatics, that they have visited the said house and found the following patients there:— William Clerk, of Winchester, aged 32; Richard Oswald Mason, of Elstree, aged 45; and L. D. Hunt, of Aylesbury, aged 50 years. - They further certify that they found the patients properly attended and the house in all respects conducted in a satisfactory manner. Miscellaneous Book III/7.

Order that the keeper of the Liberty Gaol be directed not to admit any persons into the said gaol on "missions of curiosity," without an order in writing from a magistrate. Sessions Book IV/44.

Account for plumbers, carpenters and stonemasons work done at the gaol. Sessions Book IV/44 (2), 45; and Sessions Roll CXLIV/11.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1820.

Samuel Jackson appointed constable of the hamlet of Sleaf and Smallford. Sessions Book IV/52.

Account for carpenters, plumbers and bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXLIVa/3, 9, 10, 11; and Sessions Book IV/55, 56.

Edward Watson, convicted for embezzling, ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/99; and Gaol Book IV/57.

Joseph Keddall and Joseph Rigg, convicted for stealing a sack value 1s. and 5 bushels of wheat value 10s.; ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/100; and Gaol Book IV/52.

Order by the justices, at a special sessions held at Aldenham,

that a certain part of the highway between Delrow and Caldecot Hill, for the length of 230 yards, be diverted and turned through the land of George Watlington, Esquire, so as to make a new road of the length of 160 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet. Plan annexed. Sessions Roll CXLIVa/25-29; Draft Sessions Book VIII/109; and Sessions Book IV/50, 51.

A similar order made at the same special sessions that another highway, between Caldecot Hill and the public road leading from Elstree to Bushey for the length of 150 yards, be diverted and turned through the lands of the abovesaid George Watlington, so as to make a new road of the length of 93 yards and of the breadth of 30 feet. Plan annexed. Sessions Roll CXLIVa/25, 30-33; Draft Sessions Book VIII/109; and Sessions Book IV/50, 51.

Order that a chaplain be appointed to the liberty gaol and House of Correction, at a salary of £15 *per annum*. The said chaplain is to read prayers to the prisoners once every week, "accompanied by exhortation". Mr. Kinder, the mayor, and Mr. Gape are to wait upon the Reverend Mr. Small, rector of the Abbey, and offer the chaplaincy to him. Draft Sessions Book VIII/110; and Sessions Book, IV/53.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLIVa/37, 88.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1821.

Appointment of "Mr. Small" as chaplain to the gaol and House of Correction, at a salary of £15 *per annum*. Sessions Roll CXLV/22; Draft Sessions Book VIII/130; and Sessions Book IV/53.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLV/75, 76.

Joseph Bigg, Joseph Keddall and Edward Watson, to remain under sentence of transportation for seven years. Sessions Roll CXLV/78; and Draft Sessions Book VIII/115.

Committal of William Leek, senior, Catherine Leek, and William Leek, junior, under The Vagrant Act for "using subtle craft to deceive and impose on his Majesty's subjects." Draft Sessions Book VIII/120.

Joseph Halsey committed for having several times unlawfully departed from his master's service without cause. Order that the said Halsey return to his said master to serve him for the term, and upon the conditions, contained in his indentures of apprenticeship. Draft Sessions Book VIII/121; and Goal Book IV/63.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1821.

Report of the visiting magistrates, who suggest the erection of a treadmill at the House of Correction, similar in principle to that set up at Hertford; certain justices are appointed to confer with Mr. Penn, engineer of Greenwich, concerning the same. Draft Sessions Book VIII/155, 171; and Sessions Book IV/73, 86.

Daniel Wilkinson, Joseph Wilkinson and John White, convicted for stealing a quantity of fowls, ordered to be transported, the two former for seven years, and the latter for fourteen years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/138, 143, 144; Gaol Book IV/72; and Sessions Book IV/72.

Account of carpenters and whitesmiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CXLVI/13; and Sessions Book IV/75.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLVI/66, 67.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1821.

Order by the justices to stop up a certain highway, in the parish of Aldenham, lying between Bushey and Aldenham, and to sell the soil of the same to Richard Cooke, whose lands adjoin thereto, if he be willing to buy the same, "reserving nevertheless a carriage way, twelve feet wide, for persons, horses, and carriages across the land and soil of the said old highway to a small piece of land in the occupation of the said Richard Cooke." Plan annexed. Sessions Roll CXLVII/14-18; and Sessions Book IV/84-86.

Lists of Jurors. Sessions Roll CXLVII/64, 65.

Report of the committee appointed at the last Sessions, concerning the erection of a treadmill. They have viewed the House



of Correction with Mr. Penn, and are informed by him that a mill which is not capable of being worked by less than eight persons will not, in his opinion, be likely to attain the desired end, but that a pump furnished with proper pipes and reservoirs may be erected with advantage, for supplying with water the poor inhabitants of that part of the town, which is contiguous to the said House of Correction, and that such pump may be worked by any number of prisoners. The committee approved of the plan, and desired him to make an estimate for erecting such pump. Sessions Book IV/91-94.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1821.

Account of constables for attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CXLVIII/9; and Sessions Book IV/100.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLVIII/68, 69.

James Nash, convicted for stealing a silver watch, ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/179; and Gaol Book IV/94.

Conviction of Edward Pearce for stealing a silver watch, a steel chain and seal, and key, the property of William Ashby. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/181; and Gaol Book IV/95.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society, known by the name of "the Inner Society," to be established at the house of Mrs. Walsh, at the "Bull Inn," Barnet. Draft Sessions Book VIII/191; and Sessions Book IV/97.

Appointment of Thomas Goodman, as inspector and surveyor of the bridges in the liberty. Draft Sessions Book VIII/194; and Sessions Book IV/98.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1822.

Report of Thomas Godman, surveyor, to the magistrates of the liberty of St. Albans, concerning "a new bridge of two arches over the mill stream, and a canel (?) arch bridge over the waste water, lately built at Loudwater, near Rickmans-

worth." He has "great satisfaction" in pronouncing the work to be done "in the most firm, substantial and workmanlike manner and agreeable to plans, namely built, upon a good foundation, with hard kiln stocks well bedded in Parker's Roman cement, and grouted, which in all probability will last many years without repairs." The bridges, together with the alteration of the road, are a great improvement and do great credit to the surveyor of the highways, as well as to the builder of the bridges. "The road is also completed and has been passable some time, the fences are likewise nearly completed, after which the mill owner will keep them in repair, and, as soon as Mr. Skidmore has arranged his accounts, and the agreement for exchange of road with the mill owner, he will send the particulars to the clerk of the peace." Sessions Roll CXLIX/18.

Information of John Dixon, of Redbourn, miller, (owner of the fishery of the part of the river Ver, "which runneth between a place called the Chequer Bridge and a mill called Little Mill") that William Barnes, of Redbourn, labourer, attempted to take, kill and destroy fish in that part of the said river as aforesaid, contrary to the form of the statute. Sessions Roll CXLIX/25.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXLIX/45, 46.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1822.

Presentment that Thomas Williams, late of Watford, labourer, entered the churchyard of the parish church of Watford, and dug up and carried away the body of one Jane Fancock, and that he committed the like offence in another churchyard (not specified). Ordered to pay a fine of £20, and to be imprisoned for two years. Sessions Roll CL/37, 56-62; Draft Sessions Book VIII/209, 213; and Gaol Book IV/110.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CL/73, 74.

Account for painters, bricklayers, carpenters and plumbers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CL/10, 11, 12—16; and Sessions Book IV/120, 121.

Account for new pumps, machinery, etc., for the House of Correction. Sessions Roll CL/19, 20; and Sessions Book IV/119.

James Jackson, convicted of stealing a great coat and other articles, the property of John Wallis; ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book VIII/207; and Gaol Book IV/109.

Order to pay Benjamin Fowler £155 11s. 9d., his claim for the well and tank lately sunk and made at the House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/119.

Account for smiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book IV/121.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1822.

Account of Mr. Godman for a journey to Loudwater Mill to inspect the foundations, etc., of two new brickwork bridges (over the mill stream and waste water) to be erected there; for another journey to instruct the completion of the above bridges; and for making report thereon. £3 3s. 0d. Sessions Roll CLa/17; and Sessions Book IV/181.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLa/65, 66.

Thomas Wigmore *alias* Croucher, committed for "gathering alms under a pretence of loss by fire"; ordered to be imprisoned for two months, and to be kept to hard labour. Gaol Book IV/122, 126.

Report by the visiting magistrates that, "although a chaplain has been appointed for the gaol, no divine service has, for a length of time, been performed." Sessions Book IV/130.

Account for bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Book IV/132.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1822

Information by the Honourable and Reverend William Capel, owner of the fishery within a certain pond or pool of water called the Reservoir, in the parish of Aldenham, that Joseph Wickes, of Bushey, corn dealer, did attempt to take, kill

and destroy fish in the said pond by fishing with a rod and line without the consent of the said owner. Sessions Roll CLI/25.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society to be held at the "Gate Inn." Chorley Wood, Rickmansworth, and another to be held at the "Cross Keys," London Colney, St. Peter's. Draft Sessions Book VIII/265; and Sessions Book IV/134, 135.

Order that John Deayton's salary as keeper of the House of Correction be increased to £65 per annum, in consideration of the additional trouble enforced upon him in attending to the prisoners sentenced to hard labour at the pump lately erected; of his undertaking to see that the prisoners are properly kept thereto; and of his providing, at his own expense, firing when necessary, in the room in which the said pump is worked. Draft Sessions Book VIII/265; and Sessions Book IV/136.

Account of bricklayers work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLI/12; and Sessions Book IV/138.

Specifications of carpenters, bricklayers, and smiths' work necessary for providing accommodation for the prisoners to attend divine service "at the liberty gaol." Sessions Roll CLI/1, 2.

Estimate for casing the engine at the House of Correction with oak sills, rafters, etc. Sessions Roll CLI/3; and Draft Sessions Book VIII/264.

Report of the visiting magistrates to the gaol and House of Correction, who find "the engine at the House of Correction requires to be cased and protected," and that divine service has been discontinued by the chaplain, who considers some alterations in the internal part of the prison to be necessary to his safety. Sessions Roll CLI/17.

Report of the magistrates concerning the casing and protecting the engine at the House of Correction; the estimate of Benjamin Fowler is adopted, and the work ordered to be carried out. It is also referred to Mr. Kinder to enquire into the alterations required by the chaplain, and to make suitable arrangements with him in order to secure his regular attendance. Sessions Book IV/136.

Complaint of Samuel Beckham, apprentice to James Hugh Perry, of Watford, printer, bookseller, and stationer, concerning his said master not receiving him back into his service. Sessions Roll CLI/32, 33; Draft Sessions Book VIII/258; and Gaol Book IV/134.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLI/50, 51.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1823.

Account for constables attending Barnet and Northaw fairs. Sessions Roll CLII/11; and Sessions Book IV/147.

Account for bricklayers, carpenters, painters and glaziers work done at the House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLII/15-19; and Sessions Book IV/146, 147.

Account of the expenses incurred on the building of Loudwater Bridge; the total amounts to £271 2s. 4½d. Sessions Roll CLII/34.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLII/52, 53.

Estimate of Benjamin Fowler, amounting to £25, for "making a division" at the House of Correction, so that female prisoners may be put to work at the treadmill as recommended by the visiting magistrates, which estimate was examined and the work ordered to be done. Draft Sessions Book VIII/278; and Sessions Book IV/145, 149; and Sessions Roll CLIII/13, 15.

Order, at the request of the chaplain of the Liberty Gaol, "that two Bibles and six prayer books be printed and placed in the chapel at the gaol for the use of the prisoners; and that the ten commandments be painted on a board and placed also in the said chapel." Draft Sessions Book VIII/279; and Sessions Book IV/149.

Recital of an order made at a special sessions held at Watford, 26th November, 1822, for stopping up Chandler's Lane or Rouse Barn Lane, in the parish of Watford, as being "useless and unnecessary."

The lane is described as commencing at the road leading from Rickmansworth to Grove Mill and Hunton



Bridge, and near a certain place there called Chandler's Cross in the parish of Watford, a short distance beyond the handpost there, and proceeding from the said road in a south-easterly direction between two old inclosures belonging to the Earl of Clarendon, continuing thence between certain coppices or woods of John Finch and the Earl of Essex, continuing its course and passing by Rouse Farm between the enclosure of Robert Williams, esquire, and the pales of Cashiobury Park, and proceeding thence over the canal bridge, marked 168 in the plan annexed, near to the cottage there belonging to the said Earl of Essex in the occupation of Thomas Moss, continuing thence over the river Gade into and over a certain piece of waste ground, called Cashiobury Common, and thence into the turnpike road leading from Rickmansworth through Watford to London. Chandlers Lane is of the length of two miles, one furlong and thirty perches. Free passage is reserved to the said Earl of Essex, John Finch and Robert Williams, and the Masters and Fellows of Caius College, and their respective tenants or undertenants, for persons, horses, cattle and carriages through the land and soil of the said highway to and from the land respectively belonging to them, according to ancient usage. (Plan annexed.)

Upon complaint lodged by Peter Clutterbuck, esquire, to the justices against the above order, contending that "the said highway called Chandlers Lane or Rouse Barn Lane is not unnecessary and useless," the said order was quashed. Sessions Roll CLII/1-5; Sessions Book IV/141-143; and Draft Sessions Book VIII/274.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1823.

Order to pay the Reverend Henry Small, chaplain of the Liberty Gaol, the sum of £7 10s. 0d. for half-a-year's salary due Michaelmas last past. Draft Sessions Book VIII/297; and Sessions Book IV/155.

Appointment of Martha Saunders, widow, as overseer of the poor of the parish of St. Michael. Sessions Book IV/155.

Account of work done to the treadmill at the House of Correction.  
Sessions Book IV/157.

Account for work done by plumbers, smiths, and bricklayers at the  
Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLIII/12; and Sessions Book  
IV/157-158.

Specification of work to be done in making a new entrance passage  
to admit the female prisoners to the treadwheel in the  
House of Correction at St. Albans. Plan given. Sessions  
Roll CLIII/13-15.

Account for cleaning gutters, ceilings, and repairing tiling, etc.,  
at the House of Correction and the Liberty Gaol. Sessions  
Roll CLIII/16, 17.

Account of the clerk of the peace for the liberty, for *inter alia*,  
“drawing out and recording order for allowance of rules of  
a Friendly Society, held at the Gate at Chorley Wood;  
the like of ditto, held at the Cross Keys, London Colney.”  
Sessions Roll CLIII/21, 22.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLIII/60, 61.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1823.

Account of plumbers work done at the “lower Gaol.” Sessions  
Roll CLIV/7.

Account of work done at the House of Correction by Benjamin  
Fowler, including “wedging shaft of wheel, and oiling  
works of engine, two carpenters, three quarters of a day  
each, 5s. 9d.” Sessions Roll CLIV/8.

Account of work done at the Liberty Gaol; the items include  
cleaning “women’s room and chapel; repairing and pointing  
joints of pavement and stone work”; and repairing tiling  
of roof of gaol, the same being in a very dilapidated state.  
Sessions Roll CLIV/9.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLIV/70, 71.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society to be held at “the  
Dog Inn” at Watford. Draft Sessions Book VIII/320;  
and Sessions Book IV/166.

Account for work done by bricklayers and carpenters at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/170, 171.

Conviction of William Heathcote for stealing "one shirt of the value of six pence." Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book IV/150; and Draft Sessions Book VIII/303.

Order quashing the convictions of (1) George Baker, "being a driver of the London and Nottingham stage-coach," for having, on, the third day of June last, in the parish of Chipping Barnett, carried a greater height of luggage upon the roof of the said coach than allowed by law; and (2) of Nicholas Brown and Algernon Wallington, "being persons duly licenced to keep, use and employ a stage-coach for conveying passengers for hire in Great Britain," for not having their Christian and surnames and the place whence they set out and whereto they were going, placed upon their said coaches. Gaol Book IV/157-8; Draft Sessions Book VIII/316; and Sessions Book IV/160-162.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1823.

Order that a chaplain be appointed for the Gaol and House of Correction, at a salary of £50 per annum, and that the situation be offered to the Rev. Mr. Small; that a surgeon be appointed at a salary of £5 per annum, exclusive of his charges in respect of medicines to be provided, and that the situation be offered to Mr. Webster; and that a matron be appointed at a salary of £5 a year, and that the situation be offered to Mrs. Cook. Draft Sessions Book VIII/339; and Sessions Book IV/179.

At an adjourned sessions Mr. Ridley (Mr. Webster's partner) attended, and accepted the office of surgeon with the salary proposed, with an understanding that if, after trial made, the salary prove inadequate, the question regarding the same should be raised at a future sessions; a letter from Mr. Small is read accepting the office of chaplain, and from Mrs. Cook accepting the office of matron. Draft Sessions Book VIII/340-341; and Sessions Book IV/180-181.

Report of the committee appointed to deal with the classification of prisoners in the House of Correction and the Liberty Gaol. See under next sessions. Draft Sessions Book VIII/342-345.

Account of Thomas Godman, high constable of the liberty, for expenses incurred "on the suppression of Sluts Fair." The items are, seven precepts to the petty constables, 14s. 100 printed bills, 9s. 6d.; distributing same in St. Albans' 1s.; attending at Sluts Fair, nine constables, 5s. each. Sessions Roll, CLIVa/8; and Sessions Book IV/186.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLIVa/159, 160.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1824.

Account for work done by builders, locksmiths, bricklayers, and carpenters at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLV 12, 14, 17, 18; and Sessions Book IV/188, 189.

John Jerome and John Holloway ordered to be sent to the gaol of the county of Bedford, and to be tried at the next assizes holden for that county, on the charge of having stolen and carried away the body of William Gillman from the churchyard in the parish of Luton. Draft Sessions Book IX/418; and Gaol Book IV/176.

Edward Trayers, Elizabeth Brown, and Amelia Morgan ordered to be sent to the gaol of the county of Hertford, to be tried at the next assizes on the charge of having murdered James Grange in the parish of Ridge. Draft Sessions Book IX/6; and Sessions Book IV/177.

Rules of "a humane and friendly society," to be held at the "Three Tuns," Nash Mills, in the parish of Abbots Langley, ordered to be enrolled. Draft Sessions Book IX/29; and Sessions Book IV/184.

Rules of a society of good fellowship to be held at the "Red Lyon" in the parish of Elstree, ordered to be enrolled. Draft Sessions Book IX/29; and Sessions Book IV/185.

Recommendation by the committee of magistrates appointed to take into consideration and report on the most advisable mode of carrying the Statute 4 George IV, cap. 64, nto

execution as affecting this liberty. The committee recommend that advantage should be taken under section 5 of the statute, and that the Gaol and House of Correction be placed under the government of Charles Cook, as keeper, and John Deayton, as assistant keeper, at the same salaries as they now receive; and that the gaol be divided and appropriated into six classes for male prisoners, viz. :—

- Class 1. Debtors and persons committed on civil process.
- Class 2. Persons convicted of felony.
- Class 3. Persons convicted of misdemeanour.
- Class 4. Persons committed on suspicion of felony.
- Class 5. Persons committed on suspicion of misdemeanour, and for want of sureties.
- Class 6. Vagrants.

The classification of female prisoners to be regulated by the visiting magistrates as occasion requires. That two sleeping rooms be built for the keeper as his apartments, as rooms Nos. 6 and 7, will be taken from him by the above appropriation. Sessions Roll CLV/25, 26; and Draft Sessions Book IX/29.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLV/106, 107.

Information of John Lewsey, of the parish of Paul's Walden, steward to Mr. Joseph Kirkby, and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, against James Humphrey, Thomas Bland and Thomas Cane, for causing a riotous and tumultuous assembly, and assisting to keep up a bonfire on 5 November, 1823, in a field or meadow, known as Millhill Field, belonging to a farm known as Paulswalden Bury or the Bury Farm, and occupied by the said Joseph Kirkby and Elizabeth Smith. Sessions Roll CLV/54; and Draft Sessions Book IX/10, 22.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1824.

Account of work done by plumbers, glaziers and carpenters at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLVI/18; Sessions Book IV/196; and Draft Sessions Book IX/49.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLVI/67, 68.



Information of John Edlin, of the parish of St. Stephen, yeoman, that on the 14th of February last past one James Streaton, of the parish of St. Peter, labourer, attempted to take, kill and destroy fish in the "water which runneth in the lands of James Carpenter Gape, clerk, called Mill Meadows, in the said parish of St. Stephen, without any authority of the said James Carpenter Gape, being owner of the said water." Sessions Roll CLVI/31.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1824.

Notification of Emmott Skidmore, to the justices of the liberty, of his intention to build a bridge at Soles Mill near Chorley Wood, in the parish of Rickmansworth, on the road leading from Hunton Bridge to Amersham, in the county of Bucks, "which road he has put in sound repair and rendered safe and commodius. In erecting this bridge the dangerous ford through the mill-tail water will be avoided." The expenses, which amount to £280, have been raised by subscription (subscribers names set out). Order that the liberty surveyor inspect and superintend the building of the said bridge. Sessions Roll CLVII/1, 2; Draft Sessions Book IX/71-72; and Sessions Book IV/203.

Petition to the Justices of the liberty of St. Albans by the proprietors and occupiers of the lands adjoining the two bridges at the east end of Watford, that their lands have, for some years past, been inundated by frequent floods, "from the turnpike road being raised across the vale, thereby requiring a greater space at the bridge; and through the narrow channell below the said bridge for the passage of the water; both of which have, from some cause or other, been much more diminished than formerly; whereas it now requires a greater space than heretofore, before the road was so raised."\* The petitioners humbly pray that the court will take steps to remedy their grievance. Sessions Roll CLVII/3, 4.

Account of carpenters work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLVII/9; and Draft Sessions Book IX/73.

\* Meaning obscure.

Order that the chaplain to the Gaol and House of Correction perform morning and evening service in the chapel to the prisoners every Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day ; the morning service between the hours of nine and one, and the afternoon service between the hours of three and six, and on each day preach a suitable sermon to them. Draft Sessions Book IX/72 ; and Sessions Book IV/203.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLVII/39, 40.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1824.

Account of the surveyor for surveying and making a plan of the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLVIII/5.

Account of builders and locksmiths work done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLVIII/6, 8, 10 ; and Sessions Book IV/226.

Estimate for a new fence for the garden of the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLVIII/7.

Order signed by two justices for the liberty, for diverting and turning two public footways: (1) That lying between Loudwater, in the parish of Rickmansworth, and a stile standing across an old and accustomed footway at the end of a meadow called Green End Meadow, in the occupation of Joseph Wingfield, the property of Thomas Day, esquire, in the parish of Rickmansworth, leading into a field of arable land in the occupation of John Dodd Stevens, in the direction of Sarratt Church End ; commencing at Loudwater as aforesaid, at the branching off of a certain other public footway leading to Micklefield Green and Sarratt, at the east entrance of an inclosure or park owned and occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, continuing by the mansion-house and garden of Mrs. Morgan, and along the said park into a field called Mill Field, occupied by David Keltie, thence in a straight line into and along a field called Mill Meadow, the property of the said Thomas Day and occupied by one Lewis Munn, esquire, proceeding along the highway that is to be diverted by Soles Mill, thence over a meadow called Soles Mead, the property of Emmott Skidmore, occupied by the said David Keltie, continuing in the direction

of the river, then over a certain meadow owned by John Barnes, esquire, near his fishing-house, then into and along the said meadow of the said Thomas Day, occupied by Joseph Wingfield, called Green End Meadow, to the said stile standing at the end of the same meadow, across the said old and accustomed footpath leading to Sarratt Church End as aforesaid, for the length of 3,196 yards or thereabouts.

And (2) a certain other public footway lying between a stile leading out of a field of arable land called Nod Mead, owned by the said Thomas Day, and occupied by the said Lewis Munn, into a piece of "swerd" ground called Millers Land, also owned by the said Thomas Day and occupied by the said Lewis Munn, and a gate, standing across the public footway now described and intended to be diverted, in a close called Beechen Grove, as the same leads into a public highway from Chorleywood to Sarratt as aforesaid, commencing in and proceeding across part of the said enclosure called Millers Land to a stile standing in Soles Lane near the mill there, down the said lane which is intended to be diverted, over a footbridge at the mill-tail, through the mill-yard and premises into certain fields called Limekiln Fields, part of Beechen Grove aforesaid, owned by the said Emmott Skidmore and occupied by the said David Keltie, into the highway leading from Chorleywood to Sarratt aforesaid, for the length of 935 yards or thereabouts. Which said footways, hereinbefore described, are in the parish of Rickmansworth in the county of Hertford.

The course proposed for the new public footway, in lieu of the footway first hereinbefore described, is through the lands and grounds of the said Elizabeth Morgan and Thomas Day, occupied by the said Lewis Munn, of the length of 3,106 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of four feet or thereabouts, commencing in the turnpike road leading from the town of Rickmansworth aforesaid to Amersham in the county of Bucks, at the top of Longford Hill, proceeding along the said turnpike road towards Amersham as aforesaid to the upper end of

Further Longford Hill, at the junction of the highway leading from Loudwater with the said turnpike road leading to Amersham, entering there the park or inclosure of the said Elizabeth Morgan (occupied by John Violet Weedon), passing down the same into an ancient accustomed footpath leading from Rickmansworth aforesaid to Sarratt aforesaid, continuing about half a mile along the said ancient footpath, thence in a straight direction over the said inclosure of "swerd" ground called Millers Land, occupied by the said Lewis Munn, into the said lane called Soles Lane, near a rickyard there occupied by the said Lewis Munn, proceeding a few yards up the said lane, and thence into an ancient and accustomed footpath which leads from Chorleywood, through and along certain inclosures of the said John Barnes and Thomas Day, to Sarratt Church End aforesaid; which said course for the proposed new footway is in the parish of Rickmansworth.

The proposed course for the new public footway in lieu of the footway secondly hereinbefore set out, is of the length of 907 yards, and in breadth four feet, and begins in Soles Lane at or near the rickyard occupied by the said Lewis Munn, continuing into the course proposed for the new highway, in lieu of that part of Soles Lane intended to be diverted, into and across a certain meadow called Mill Meadow, occupied by the said Lewis Munn, the property of the said Thomas Day, in a straight direction over a bridge intended to be erected across the mill-head or stream there, thence into and over part of a certain meadow called Soles Mead, occupied by the said David Keltie, into and up the lane or highway leading to Sarratt, Hunton Bridge, and Kings Langley, which said last-mentioned course is also in the parish of Rickmansworth.

Notices in the "County Herald" concerning the above diversions.

Plan of the alterations and diversions of the footways and highways hereinbefore set out. Sessions Roll CLVIII/31—35, 39—43; and Sessions Book IV/212—215.

**Order** signed by two justices for the liberty, for diverting and turning so much of a public highway, called Solesbridge



Lane in the parish of Rickmansworth, as lies between a cottage in the occupation of James Austen, leading down the hill to Solesbridge Mill, passing through the water, then entering on a continuation of the said lane, as the same leads to Sarratt, Hunton Bridge and King's Langley, in the said liberty, and near a stile leading into a meadow called Soles Mead occupied by David Keltie, for the length of 370 yards or thereabouts.

The course proposed for the new public highway is through the lands and grounds of Thomas Day, esquire, and Emmott Skidmore, occupied by Lewis Munn and David Keltie, and commences at or near the aforesaid cottage occupied by the said James Austen, at the point where the said old highway is intended to be diverted, and continues along a certain meadow called Mill Mead occupied by the said Lewis Munn, and the property of the said Thomas Day, in a straight direction over a bridge now erecting or to be erected across the mill-head or stream there, thence into and over part of a certain meadow called Soles Mead, occupied by the said David Keltie, into the said lane or highway leading to Sarratt, Hunton Bridge and King's Langley as aforesaid, at or near the said stile leading into the said last-mentioned meadow; being the other point at which the diversion of the said old highway will terminate. The course, so proposed for the said new highway, is of the length of 218 yards "or so," and of the breadth of 20 feet "or so." Sessions Roll CLVIII/30, 33, 36, 37, 40, 44, 45; and Sessions Book IV/215—217.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLVIII/67, 68.

Order that a contract be entered into with Henry Jeffries, of the borough of St. Albans, fishmonger, for conveying vagrants. Sessions Book IV/222; and Draft Sessions Book IX/93.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1825.

Information of Ann Robinson, daughter of Thomas Robinson, of Saundridge, a child of ten years old, against her step-mother, Elizabeth Robinson, for neglect and cruelty. Sessions Roll CLIX/61, 64.



Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLIX/76, 77.

Conviction of Levi Eastwell for stealing sundry harness, the property of Thomas Parks; sentenced to transportation for seven years. Draft Sessions Book IX/106; and Gaol Book IV/208.

Letter from the chaplain of the Liberty Gaol, enclosing (a) an account for articles bought by him for the chapel; the items include "a large royal folio Bible in ruff calf, Rusia bands, £2 10s. 0d.; a good demy folio prayer-book in ruff calf, £1 2s. 6d.;" and (b) an account for making a surplice for himself. Sessions Roll CLIX/6, 8, 9; and Sessions Book IV/238-239.

Account for work done at the House of Correction, including repairs, etc., to the tread-wheel and engine, and repairing wall and plastering in the cell used for deserters. Sessions Roll CLIX/16, 20; and Draft Sessions Book IX/123.

Account for work done in repairing the Liberty Gaol, which includes repair to tiling and brickwork damaged by wind. Sessions Roll CLIX/21; and Draft Sessions Book IX/123.

Estimate from Mr. Wills for repairing the fence, etc., of Mr. Cook's garden, and of the Abbey Orchard. Sessions Roll CLIX/11, 12.

Account for work done by carpenters, bricklayers and smiths at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLIX/14, 15, 17; and Sessions Book IV/237-238.

Estimate of Benjamin Fowler for sundry work necessary "for the security of the prison of St. Albans, and for preventing the escape of the prisoners confined in the house of correction, surveyed by order of the visiting magistrates."

(1) To take down and rebuild, in a substantial manner, the brick and stone work of the wall on the western side of the keeper's sleeping room over the window of the same, and to turn a semi or gothic arch over the opening. The work to be done in a sound and proper manner to prevent a further settlement taking place, the present wall being much dilapidated, and more particularly from the motion caused by the tread-wheel.

(2) To take down the plaster part of the wall in the male prisoners' room and privy, and board the same from the present boarding to the ceiling, with  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch deal boarding "ploughed and tongued in the joint, on the side of the said prisoners' room and privy, in a sound and workmanlike manner, it being a very easy way, at present, for the prisoners to escape by breaking the plaistering and entering the ceiling above, and thereby rendering detention impossible, as it could be effected in a very short space of time."

(3) To frame and fix a ceiling over the wash-house on the ground floor and plaster the side walls, and to take down and rebuild the chimney and the brickwork of the copper, it being in a dilapidated state, and thereby liable to set the same on fire, the whole of the work (or nearly so) of the wash-house being of wood.

The estimated cost of the whole of the said work will amount to the sum of £47 10s. 6d. Sessions Roll CLIX/19.

Memorandum of the different estimates for work to be done at the House of Correction by order of the visiting justices. Sessions Roll CLIX/18.

Rules and regulations of a Benefit Society to be held at the "Three Tuns" at Watford. Draft Sessions Book IX/121; and Sessions Book IV/234.

Sessions adjourned to 19 February, to decide finally on plans and estimate for alterations and additions to the House of Correction, and to receive and consider plans and estimates for a new Court House, proposed to be built upon Rome Land. Draft Sessions Book IX/122; and Sessions Book IV/240.

Resolution at adjourned sessions, that the alterations and additions at the House of Correction be completed, and that Mr. Samuel Wells' tender for £642 be accepted, the work to be finished in six months. Draft Sessions Book IX/124-125; and Sessions Book IV/242.

The application of Mr. Small for an increase of salary as chaplain, deferred till the next sessions. Draft Sessions Book IX/125; and Sessions Book IV/242.

The consideration of the question concerning the building of a new Court House upon Rome Land is adjourned to the next sessions; the clerk of the peace (Mr. Story) in the meantime is to obtain all the information he can as to the practicability of the measure. Draft Sessions Book IX/125; and Sessions Book IV/242.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1825.

Order to pay Thomas Kent two-thirds of his bills (the other third part to be paid by the borough) for plumbers and glaziers work done at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/255.

Report of Mr. Story touching the project to build a new Court House upon Rome Land.

He states that the cost would be about £4,000; that the mayor and aldermen of the borough consent to a sale of the present town hall, and that the proceeds of such sale (after all incidental charges are deducted) should be used in aid of the undertaking, upon condition that the corporation, magistrates, and others have the same rights in the new building as they now have in the old. He considers that the proceeds of such sale would be about £1,000, and that a similar sum might be raised by subscription towards a ball and supper room, to form part of the building and be included in the said estimate; this would leave about £2,000 to be provided for, which sum he suggests might be raised "by way of annuity, or upon terms of liquidating the same by instalments, with interest in the meantime at four per cent." He considers the charge upon the liberty and borough in either case may be met without any serious inconvenience. Sessions Roll CLX/15, 16; Draft Sessions Book IX/143; and Sessions Book IV/253.

Case (submitted to the Attorney-General, Mr. Gazelee and Mr. Adam), upon the question whether the expenses incurred by the trial for murder\* committed by [John] Thurtell

\* Of Mr. Weare.

should be paid by the county or by the liberty; and opinion by the two latter counsel. The Attorney-General declined giving an opinion for reasons stated, but offered to attend a consultation if Mr. Gazelee and Mr. Adam differed in opinion. Sessions Roll CLX/17.

Confirmation of an order, made at a special sessions held at the house of Sir Simon Houghton Clarke, baronet, called Oak Hill, in East Barnet, for stopping up, as unnecessary, a certain public footway leading out of a piece of land called Quakers Field, near the public highway between Southgate and Enfield, and running through and over the lands of the said Sir Simon into the lands of Sir William Curtis, baronet, towards the public high road between East Barnet church and East Barnet, in the said liberty. Sessions Roll CLX/39—49; Draft Sessions Book IX/142; and Sessions Book IV/245—247.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLX/73, 74.

Rules and regulations of the Barnet Benevolent Union Society to be held at "the Cock" at Barnet. Draft Sessions Book IX/143.

Order that a committee be appointed to frame rules and regulations necessary for the better government of the Gaol and House of Correction. Draft Sessions Book IX/148; and Sessions Book IV/252.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1825.

Report of the committee, appointed as above, delivered in and adopted, and the clerk of the peace ordered to cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed and distributed. Sessions Book IV/264; and Draft Sessions Book IX/161.

Order that Mr. Story write to Mr. Smith for his opinion of the work done to the gaoler's house by Mr. Fitch; and whether, in his opinion, the said Mr. Fitch is liable to make good the recent defects. Draft Sessions Book IX/169 and Sessions Book IV/270.

The clerk of the peace reports that he has received an answer from Mr. Smith, who is of opinion that the defects arose

from want of judgment in the builder, rather than from bad workmanship or defective materials, and consequently that he, the builder (who was not retained or paid as a surveyor) is not liable. Sessions Book IV/272.

Order, upon the report of the visiting magistrates, that Mr. Smith of Bread Street Hill, surveyor, be directed to examine the state of the gaoler's house, and make a report thereon; and that "three iron frame bedsteads, with sacken bottoms, be provided for the use of the Gaol and House of Correction." Sessions Book IV/263; and Draft Sessions Book IX/161.

Order that Mr. Fowler be requested to deliver in a specification of the work necessary to be done at the House of Correction Draft Sessions Book IX/172; and Sessions Book IV/274.

Account for work done by builders, bricklayers and carpenters at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXI/22-24; and Sessions Book IV/164-165.

Report of the visiting magistrates that "an infectious fever has since the last quarter sessions, broken out in the House of Correction, but has now subsided;" that one prisoner died of the said fever, but that every attention was paid to the prisoners during their illness, and that "all the rooms in the prison have been properly fumigated and white-washed," and that there is no apprehension of further infection. Sessions Roll CLXI/29; and Sessions Book IV/262.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXI/116, 117.

Order, at adjourned sessions, upon reading Mr. Smith's letter to Mr. Story, that Mr. Wells be directed to estimate the cost of taking down and re-building the external walls of the gaoler's house with brick, and also to estimate the cost of the additional expense of casing the exterior with stone and flint, similar to the house now building for the keeper of the House of Correction, and that both estimates be submitted to the magistrates for their consideration. Draft Sessions Book IX/170; and Sessions Book IV/272-273.

Order, upon a further adjournment, that the wall at the side of the gaoler's house be "shored" up to stand with safety throughout this winter, and that Mr. Smith deliver in, at the next



sessions, a specification of the repairs necessary; the wall is to be re-built and cased with stone and flint. Draft Sessions Book IX/172; and Sessions Book IV/274.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1825.

Order that the chaplain of the Gaol and House of Correction be allowed to perform the duties of that situation either in person or by his licenced curate. Sessions Book IV/278; and Draft Sessions Book IX/193.

Account for ironmongers work done at the Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/282.

Report of the chief magistrate of the liberty and borough of St. Albans, pursuant to an act of 5 George IV, c. 85, section 7 :—The justices for the liberty and borough respectively try their own prisoners, except in respect of offences subjecting the offenders to the loss of life; such offenders are sent to the county gaol for trial at the assizes, the expense being paid by “the jurisdiction for which they are so sent.”

For a long time before this act it had been customary for the justices of the peace for the borough to commit vagrants to the House of Correction, the liberty paying one-third of the expenses and the borough paying two-thirds. Soon after the passing of the Gaols Act it was thought expedient that the borough gaol should be disused, and that for the future all persons committed from the borough should be sent to the Gaol and House of Correction of the liberty.

An arrangement has accordingly been made between the justices of the general quarter sessions of the peace for the liberty and those for the borough, in order that the management of the prisoners may be better effected, by which the borough pays all expenses attending the support and maintenance of prisoners committed therefrom to the Gaol and House of Correction of the liberty, and also one-third of the expense of the repairs of the said Gaol and House of Correction.

The establishment of officers and servants connected with the gaol is as follows :—

Chaplain, Rev. Henry Small, salary ... £50

Surgeon and apothecary, Mr. Richard

Webster, salary ... ... £10

both paid by the liberty, and both appointed by the magistrates in general quarter sessions.

Gaoler and keeper of the house of

Correction, Charles Cook, salary ... £80

paid by the liberty, and appointed to his situation as gaoler by the Marquis of Salisbury, and to his situation as keeper of the House of Correction by the justices of the general quarter sessions for the liberty.

Assistant-keeper of the House of Correction,

John Deayton, salary ... ... £65

Of this sum £55 13s. 4d. is paid by the liberty, and £9 6s. 8d. by the borough, which last sum he had previously received from the borough for the superintendence of vagrants. Sessions Book IV/284-287.

William Field, convicted of stealing one silk handkerchief of the value of 6d., ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book IX/177; and Gaol Book IV/241.

Report concerning the repair of Medburn Bridge referred to the clerk of the peace, to ascertain whether the liability to maintain it is with the lords of the manors or the county, or liberty, or both. If any liability lies with the liberty, a committee is to be appointed to survey the bridge and report thereon at the next sessions. Draft Sessions Book IX/192; and Sessions Book IV/279.

Order that the bill for the repairs lately done at Frogmore Bridge be paid by the treasurer, after the same has been signed and allowed by two magistrates in that division. Draft Sessions Book IX/192.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society, called the Sons of Peace, held at the "Mitre," Chipping Barnet. Draft Sessions Book IX/193; and Sessions Book IV/280.

Joseph Vasper, otherwise Devonshire, convicted of stealing a chopping bill of the value of 1s., and a handsaw of the value of 2s. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Gaol Book IV/239—240.

Account of W. Langley (£3 13s. 6d.) for engraving a seal of the borough arms. Sessions Roll CLXII/10.

Account for smiths work done at the House of Correction, including "new wide wedges to the tread-mill." Sessions Roll CLXII/14.

Account for work done at the House of Correction, including repairs to pump. Sessions Roll CLXII/15.

Specifications for the repair of Frogmore and Park Bridge, in the parish of St. Stephen's as follows:—

"Take down the defective brickwork on the west side of the bridge, and rebuild the same, with two proper brick buttresses to support the side of the bridge; relay the present stone coping and put new where wanting. Take down the present old posts and rails and the warfing on the west side of the bridge, that side the river leading to Park Street, twenty-five feet in length, and fix new oak posts and rails and two-inch oak plank warfing to the same. The posts to be seven inches by six, the rails four inches by three. The posts to be three feet in the ground and four feet above the level of the centre of the road. The posts to be supported with strong oak spurs, and fix two oak spurs, six inches by four, to each length of rails to keep up the warfing. Fix a four feet two rail pale and space oak fence at each end of the east side of the bridge, seven feet in length each, and two inch oak plank warfing to the same to keep up the ground. The remaining parts of the posts and railing and warfing repair; the new posts and railing and the fences paint four times in oil colour; the remaining parts twice, in ditto. To find labour and all materials, including the old, and to use again, of the old materials, in the above repairs, what are good and sound and of a proper size." Plan attached. July 21st, 1825. Sessions Roll CLXII/28, 29.

3 August, 1825. Notice of an order, signed by certain justices, for diverting, turning and stopping up a certain part of a public highway, in the parish of Paul's Walden, in the liberty of St. Albans, leading in a westerly direction from the village of Codicott to the village of Whitwell, of the length of 150 yards, and of the breadth of 18 feet, "upon a medium," and commencing at or near a stream of water or fish-pond adjoining a close of land or ground, called Mill Pond Mead, belonging to Lord Dacre, and terminating at or near the gateway or lodge, entering a park called Hoe Park, belonging to the said Lord Dacre, and described in the plan annexed. The course proposed for the new highway in lieu of the old is through the said close called Mill Pond Mead, of the length of 121 yards, and of the breadth of 21 feet, as described in the order and plan. The said order to be lodged with the clerk of the peace at the general quarter sessions to be held on 20 October next, when it is to be confirmed and enrolled, unless upon an appeal, it be otherwise determined. Plan annexed. Sessions Roll CLXII/102—109; Draft Sessions Book IX/192; and Sessions Book IV/275—276.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXII/110, 111.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1826.

Order that the claim by Hannah Cook, wife of the gaoler, for an allowance for attendance, in the capacity of matron, on the female prisoners, be referred to the visiting magistrates. Draft Sessions Book IX/213.

Account for repairs done to the tread-mill in the House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/297.

Accounts of William Bisney and William Anderson to the trustees of the Edgware Road for repairs done to Frogmore Bridge in St. Stephen's parish, by the order of [the "stonewarden." Sessions Roll CLXIII/9, 10; and Sessions Book IV/297.

Account for timber used for the repair of Frogmore Bridge. Sessions Roll CLXIII/12.

**Account for work and necessary repairs done at the Liberty Gaol.**  
Sessions Roll CLXIII/15, 16 ; and Sessions Book IV/296.

**Report of the clerk of the peace, who had been directed at the last sessions to enquire whether this liberty or the lords of the manors of Kendalls and Aldenham, or who otherwise, is or are liable to maintain Medburn Bridge.** States that he has made the necessary inquiries, and finds that the bridge in question "is neither a bridge by prescription or by tenure." That it was built in 1769 when there was but little traffic on the road which it crosses (sic), and that previously there was only a footbridge, and carriages, cattle, etc., had passed through the water. States that he has not been able to ascertain with accuracy by whose order, or at whose expense, the bridge was so built, but thinks that the lords of the above manors, or of one of them, erected it at their convenience. The bridge has been adopted by the public, a stage-coach now crosses and recrosses it daily, and the road has otherwise become one of considerable traffic and public importance. The bridge appears to be partly within the county of Hertford, and partly within the liberty of St. Alban. Sessions Roll CLXIII/23-24 ; and Sessions Book IV 293-294.

**Report of a committee appointed to inspect Medburn Bridge,** which they find separates the liberty of St. Alban from the hundred of Dacorum in the county. They annex a plan of the bridge, with a specification of the repairs necessary, the cost of such repairs, as well as the sum it will require to widen the bridge and make it safer. The committee observe that the bridge, in its present state, is extremely dangerous, the road being only 10 feet 6 inches wide in the centre, and the sides very low. They recommend that the width be increased to 18 feet 6 inches, the present traffic requiring a bridge of the above dimensions. They submit that the expense of any repairs or alterations should be mutually borne by the county and the liberty. Sessions Roll CLXIII/25 ; Draft Sessions Book IX/213 ; and Sessions Book IV/294-295.



Report of Thomas Evans, carpenter, and Benjamin Hill, bricklayer, appointed to inspect Medburn Bridge on the St. Albans Road from Elstree. They are of opinion that the said bridge is in a very bad state and requires immediate repair. The two sides should be taken down to the crowns of the arches and re-built, the buttresses taken down to the foundations and re-built, the flanks repaired and part re-built, the whole of the oak coping, posts, etc. to be renewed, the cost of which would be £100. They further say that the arches are sound and would admit of being extended to 18 feet 6 inches wide on the south side; the bridge being so contracted in width is the cause of the side giving way. To do this work and repair the north side would cost £300. Sessions Roll CLXIII/26.

Certificate by certain justices that they have viewed the new highway in the parish of Paul's Walden, which, at the previous Sessions was ordered to be made in lieu of an old one stopped up, and that it is completed and in proper repair. Sessions Roll CLXIII/114, Draft Sessions Book IX/212 and Sessions Book IV/291-292.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXIII/123-124.

Report of the magistrates that "a fever which lately raged in the House of Correction has subsided," and that the prisoners are generally in good health. Sessions Roll CLXIII/125 and Sessions Book IV/293.

William Bolton and Joseph Field convicted of illegally destroying game in the woods of the Earl of Essex. Ordered to be transported for the term of seven years. Draft Sessions Book IX/197 and Gaol Book IV/252.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society formerly held at the Maiden Head, Watford, and now to be held at the King's Head, Watford. Draft Sessions Book IX/211 and Sessions Book IV/290.

Order that a committee be appointed to confer with and receive the report, plan, specification and estimate of Mr. George Smith, the surveyor, "touching the gaoler's house." Sessions Book IX/213.

## EASTER SESSIONS, 1826.

Account for work done by bricklayers at the Liberty Gaol.  
Sessions Roll CLXIV/3.

Confirmation of an order made by the justices at a Special Sessions held at the dwelling-house of Samuel Stow, called Winches, otherwise Serge Hill Farm, in St. Stephen's parish, for diverting, stopping up and turning a public footway leading from Serge Hill, in the parish of St. Stephen, to the village of Bedmond in the parish of Abbots Langley, part of which footway, of the length of 654 yards or thereabouts, is situate in the parish of St. Stephen, and the remaining part, of the length of about 26 yards, is situate in the parish of Abbots Langley, and for making a new footway nearer and more commodious to the public, which new footway, as described in the order, leads from Serge Hill to Bedmond aforesaid in a westerly direction, and is of the length of 637 yards, in the parish of St. Stephen, and of the length of 38 yards in the parish of Abbots Langley, and of the breadth of 4 feet, upon a medium, thus making the new footway 5 yards nearer than the old footway, which new footway commences and terminates at the same point as the old footway ordered to be stopped up.

The old footway passes through a paddock and a wood called Bedmond Wood, belonging to Samuel Reynolds Solly, esquire, and the new footway is intended to be made along the south side of a lane leading from Serge Hill to Bedmond, which lane has been widened for the express purpose, by taking in part of Mr. Solly's land out of his paddock and wood, and in some parts of the lane, where it is of sufficient width, the new footway goes over the waste ground. Sessions Roll CLXIV/56-67 and Sessions Book IV/303-305.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXIV/77-78.

Order that the accounts of John Samuel Story, esquire, treasurer and receiver of the public bridge money, be passed and allowed. Sessions Book IV/306.

Account for work done by smiths, plumbers, and others at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/311.

Account for work done by carpenters at the Sessions House. Sessions Book IV/312.

Mr. Smith delivered in his report as to re-building the walls of the gaoler's house, together with a plan and specifications. The consideration of the same was deferred, and an order made that Mr. Wells be employed "to tie up the building with iron ties," under the direction of Mr. Smith, "his charges to be subject to Mr. Smith's approbation." Draft Sessions Book IX/233 and Sessions Book IV/314.

Mr. Smith delivered in his plan and specification for the repairs of Medburn Bridge, but the consideration of the same was deferred, as from the report there appeared to be no danger from the bridge remaining in its present state for a few years. Draft Sessions Book IX/234 and Sessions Book IV/314.

Mr. Smith having attended and explained the impracticability of securing the walls of the gaoler's house with iron ties, it is ordered that Mr. Wells be employed to take down and re-build the walls according to the last plan, and specification "without the parapet," under Mr. Smith's superintendence. The bill for the work to be settled by Mr. Smith, and his decision to be final between all parties. Draft Sessions Book IX/237 and Sessions Book IV/315-316.

Mr. Wells attended, and stated "that the side wall of the gaoler's house next the garden was built in such an improper manner that he was unable to tie the new work to it." The magistrates, having inspected the same, order that Mr. Wells be employed to take down and re-build the said side wall under the superintendence of Mr. Smith, "the same not to interfere with the contract entered into with Mr. Wells for re-building the other walls." Draft Sessions Book IX/338 and Sessions Book IV/317.

## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1826.

Order made by the justices, at a Special Sessions held at Watford on the 7th March instant, that a certain part of the highway called Lofts Lane, lying between the town of Watford and Bushey Lodge Farm, both in the parish of Watford, for the length of 335 yards, was, for the most part, narrow, but could be conveniently enlarged and widened by adding thereto from the lands and grounds of Jonathan King, esquire, for the length of 335 yards and of the breadth of 5 feet, which will be more commodious to the public. And having received evidence of the consent of the said King to the widening of the said highway by adding thereto from his lands, it is now ordered that the said highway be widened and enlarged as aforesaid, and a rate not exceeding sixpence in the pound be levied for the expense of the same. Sessions Roll CLXV/79-81, Sessions Book IV/326-327 and Draft Sessions Book IX/252.

Account for work done by carpenters and smiths at the Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/330.

Account for work done by carpenters at the Town Hall. Sessions Book IV/331.

Account of Thomas Goodman for making an estimate, plan and specification of repairs to Frogmore Bridge. Sessions Book IV/331.

Isaac Butterworth convicted of stealing four sovereigns, the property of Thomas Stokes. Ordered to be transported for seven years. Draft Sessions Book IX/239 and Gaol Book IV/269.

The magistrates having viewed the gaoler's house, and taken into consideration Mr. George Smith's recommendation of adding a parapet to the gaoler's house, determine not to add the same on account of the additional expense. Application of the gaoler for a boarded floor in the sitting-room disallowed. Order that Mr. Wells be employed to repair the door leading into the yard at the gaoler's house, and to affix a bell at

the front door, "and also one at the front door of the House of Correction." It is referred to a committee to consider as to building a washhouse at the gaoler's house, and they are empowered to direct the same to be done if they think fit. Draft Sessions Book IX/256-257 and Sessions Book IV/335.

Account for making out estimates for repair of Frogmore Bridge. Sessions Roll CLXV/6.

Account for work done by carpenters at the Town Hall. Sessions Roll CLXV/12.

Accounts for work done by smiths at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXV/13-14.

Certificate by certain justices that they have viewed the new footway leading from Serge Hill to Bedmond, and that the same is completed and put into good condition and repair. Sessions Roll CLXV/78, Draft Sessions Book IX/252 and Sessions Book IV/323-327.

Order by the justices that part of a certain public highway, in the parish of Rickmansworth, be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public. The said part of the highway lies between the hamlet of Chorley Wood and the hamlet of Mill End, in the same parish, of the length of about 885 yards, commencing at or near a public-house called the Black Horse, in Chorley Wood, proceeding thence by a paddock, the property and in the occupation of Edmund Morris, esquire, and between the grounds of the said Morris in the occupation of Robert Barker, to the foot of a hill at the woods of Mr. Thomas Brown Weedon (at which point the proposed new highway over a field called Hog Trough Field, also in the occupation of the said Mr. Barker, will have its junction into the old highway leading to the hamlet of Mill End aforesaid). The proposed new highway, in lieu thereof, will be of the length of about 1012 yards, and of the breadth of about 16 feet, and will commence at or near the aforesaid public-house, proceeding down the old highway on Chorley Wood Common, by a cottage in the



occupation of Mr. Winnett, continuing down the lane to a gate called Pheasants' Field Gate, entering thence into and through the field called Hog Trough Field, to the foot of the aforesaid hill at the woods of the said Thomas Brown Weedon, at which point the proposed course will have its junction with the old highway leading to Mill End. The new highway from the said public-house to Mill End, will be 23 poles farther, but more commodious, and from the centre of Chorley to Mill End 195 poles nearer. Plan annexed. Sessions Roll CLXV/82-90, Draft Sessions Book IX/252 and Sessions Book IV/321-323.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXV/99-100.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1826.

The magistrates report that the walls at the gaoler's house are now re-built, and that the house will very shortly be in a fit state for habitation. Sessions Book IV/341.

Account for work done by smiths and others at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXVI/22-25, Sessions Book IV/345-346 and Draft Sessions Book IX/273.

Confirmation of an order made by the justices, at a special sessions held at the mansion-house of Thomas Day Branton, esquire, at Micklefield Green, in the parish of Rickmansworth, that part of a certain public highway in the parish of Rickmansworth, of the length of 698 yards, be diverted and turned. The said part commences in the road leading from the hamlet of Croxley Green to Sarratt at the hand-post pointing down the road leading to Solesbridge in Micklefield Green Paddock and proceeds from the said hand-post along the said public highway leading to Sarratt under the paling of the same paddock, up to and by the said mansion-house, farm-yard and premises called Micklefield Green House, in the occupation of the said Thomas Day Branton, to about 55 yards beyond a lane called Sheephouse Lane, leading out of the said old highway and described in the plan annexed. The proposed

new highway in lieu thereof is to be of the length of 704 yards and of the breadth of 17 feet, and is to commence near the aforesaid hand-post, and proceed in a north-westerly direction and nearly parallel with the said old highway, into and along two enclosures called Rushfield and Dovehouse Field, the property of Thomas Day Branton, esquire, in the occupation of either Peter Clutterbuck, esquire, or the said Branton, thence into and uniting with the said old highway near the lane called Sheephouse Lane, about 55 yards beyond the orchard belonging to the mansion called Micklefield Green House. Sessions Roll CLXVI/152-160, Draft Sessions Book IX/274 and Sessions Book IV/339-341.

New rules and regulations for the "Watford Savings Bank" put forward at a committee held on 21 December, 1825. Sessions Roll CLXVI/161.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXVI/168-169.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1827.

General statement of the income and expenditure of "the St. Albans Road," between 22 October, 1825, and 21 October, 1826, delivered to the justices. Draft Sessions Book IX/288.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society to be held at the George and Dragon, Colney Street, formerly held at the Falcon in Park Street. Draft Sessions Book IX/288, and Sessions Book IV/358.

Account for fitting up "a new bell at Mr. Deayton's gaol door," and "to Mr. Cook's door." Sessions Roll CLXVII/12, Draft Sessions Book IX/298 and Sessions Book IV/362.

Account for work done by carpenters at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLXVII/20 and Sessions Book IV/360.

Declaration by John Peacock, of Watford, that he has a printing press and types, which he proposes to use for printing in his dwelling-house, situate in the centre

of the town, and that he requires his house registered for that purpose in pursuance of the Act 39, George III. Sessions Roll CLXVII/29.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXVII/118-119.

Account for "ironmongery" supplied at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book IV/361.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1827.

Order that the building of the washhouse at the gaol, and other improvements in progress there, be referred to the visiting magistrates, to be completed under their superintendence. Sessions Book IV/390 and Draft Sessions Book IX/322.

Account for work done by smiths, bricklayers, and carpenters at the House of Correction and Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/35, 37, 39, and Sessions Book IV/392.

Account for "iron work" done at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/36.

Order that the plan and specification, prepared by Mr. George Smith for Medburn Bridge, be adopted, and the committee to whom the matter was referred be empowered to get the work executed under their supervision. Draft Sessions Book IX/322 and Sessions Book IV/389.

A committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the state of the Court House, and the practicability of improving it or re-building it on the same or some other site, and to employ a competent surveyor to assist them. Draft Sessions Book IX/322-323 and Sessions Book IV/390.

Order made by certain justices, at a Special Sessions held at Rickmansworth, for diverting, turning and stopping up part of the two public footways.

(1) A footway lying between Loudwater, in the parish of Rickmansworth, and a stile standing across an old and accustomed footway at the end of a meadow called Green End Meadow, in the occupation of Joseph Wingfield, the property of Thomas Day, esquire,

leading into a field of arable land, in the occupation of John Dodd Stevens, towards Sarratt Church End, commencing at Loudwater, at the branching off of a certain other public footway leading to Micklefield Green and Sarratt, at the east entrance of an inclosure or park, being the property and in the occupation of Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, continuing by the mansion house and garden of the said Elizabeth Morgan and along the said park into a field called Mill Field, in the occupation of David Keltie, thence in a straight line into, and along an inclosure or field called Mill Meadow, the property of the said Thomas Day, in the occupation of Lewis Munn, esquire, proceeding along the highway by Soles Mill, which was intended to be diverted, thence over a meadow called Soles Mead, the property of Emmott Skidmore, in the occupation of the said David Keltie, continuing in the direction of the river there over a certain meadow belonging to John Barnes, esquire, near his fishing-house there, into and along the said meadow of the said Thomas Day, in the occupation of Joseph Wingfield, called Green End Meadow, to the said stile standing at the end of the same meadow across the said old and accustomed footway leading to Sarratt Church End aforesaid, for the length of 3,196 yards, described in the plan annexed.

(2) Another public footway, lying between a stile leading out of a field of arable land called Nod Mead, belonging to the said Thomas Day, in the occupation of the said Lewis Munn, into a piece of "sward ground" called Miller's Land, and a gate standing across the public footway in a close called Beechen Grove, as the same leads into the public highway from Sarratt End to Loudwater aforesaid, commencing in and proceeding across the said inclosure called Miller's Land to a stile standing in Soles Lane, near the mill there, down the said lane (which was intended to be diverted) over a footbridge at the Mill tail, through the mill yard and premises, into and up certain fields called Lime Kiln Fields and part of Beechen Grove aforesaid, the property of the said Emmott Skidmore,



in the occupation of David Keltie, into the highway leading from Sarratt Green to Loudwater aforesaid, for the length of 935 yards.

Both of which said footways lie in the parish of Rickmansworth aforesaid.

The justices state that they have viewed the course proposed for the new footways.

The first commences in the turnpike road leading from the town of Rickmansworth to Amersham, at the top of Longford Hill, proceeds along the said road towards Amersham to the upper end of Further Longford Hill, at the junction of the highway from Loudwater with the said turnpike road, enters Elizabeth Morgan's park, passes down the same into an ancient and accustomed footway leading from Rickmansworth to Sarratt, continues about half a mile along the said ancient footway, goes thence in a straight line over the said inclosure of "sward ground" called Millers Land, into the said lane called Soles Lane, near or adjoining a rick yard there, in the occupation of Lewis Munn, proceeds a few yards up the said land and thence into an ancient and accustomed footway leading down a lane called Simonds Lane, and there joining and uniting with a certain other ancient footway leading from Chorley Wood, through certain inclosures of the said John Barnes and Thomas Day, to Sarratt Church End.

The second proposed new footway of the length of 907 yards, commences in Soles Lane at or near a rick yard, in the occupation of the said Lewis Munn, continues in the course proposed for the new highway in lieu of that part of Soles Lane intended to be diverted into and across a certain meadow called Mill Meadow, the property of Thomas Day, in a straight direction over a bridge intended to be erected across the Mill head, or stream there, thence into and over part of a certain meadow called Soles Mead, in the occupation of the said David Keltie, into and up the lane or highway leading to Sarratt, Hunton Bridge and King's Langley.

The respective courses so proposed for the said new public footways, lie in the parish of Rickmansworth aforesaid, and the justices, having received



evidence of the consent of the said owners and occupiers of the lands, grounds, etc., through which the said new footways shall pass, order that the said diversions be carried out. Certificates, etc., attached. No plan. Sessions Roll CLXVIII 125-128, Draft Sessions Book IX/312 and Sessions Book IV/378-383.

Order made by certain justices at a Special Sessions held at Rickmansworth, for diverting, turning and stopping up part of a public highway called Soles Bridge Lane, in the parish of Rickmansworth, lying between and commencing at or near a cottage in the occupation of James Austen, leading down the hill to Soles Mill, passing through the water there, entering on a continuation of the said lane as the same leads to Sarratt, Hunton Bridge and King's Langley, and ending at or near a stile leading into a meadow called Soles Mead, in the occupation of David Keltie, for the length of 370 yards, and described in the plan annexed. The justices state that they have viewed a course proposed for the new public highway in lieu thereof, which runs through and over the lands of Thomas Day, esquire, and Emmott Skidmore, in the occupation of Lewis Munn and David Keltie, and commences at or near the aforesaid cottage in the parish of Rickmansworth, at the point whence the said old highway was intended to be diverted and turned, and continues into and along a certain meadow called Mill Mead, in a straight direction over a bridge "then erecting or to be erected" across the Mill head or stream there, through, over and into part of a certain meadow called Soles Mead, into the said lane or highway leading to Sarratt, Hunton Bridge and King's Langley, at or near the said stile leading into the said last mentioned meadow, being the other point at which the diversion and turning of the said old highway would terminate; which said new course was of the length of 215 yards, and of the breadth of 20 feet. Having received evidence of the consent of the said Thomas Day, Emmott Skidmore, Lewis Munn and David Keltie, to the said new highway being made through

and over the lands, and land covered with water herein described, the justices made the order as abovesaid. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/122-124, Draft Sessions Book IX/313 and Sessions Book IV/376-378.

Order made at a Special Sessions held at the house of Thomas Day Branton, esquire, at Micklefield Green, in the parish of Rickmansworth, for diverting and turning part of a certain public highway in the parish of Rickmansworth of the length of 698 yards, commencing in the road leading from the hamlet of Croxley Green to Sarratt, at the hand-post pointing down the road leading to Soles Bridge, in Micklefield Green Paddock, proceeding from the said hand-post along the said public highway leading to Sarratt under the paling of the same paddock, up to and by the said mansion house, farm yard and premises called Micklefield Green House, in the occupation of the said Thomas Day Branton, esquire, to about 55 yards beyond a lane called Sheephouse Lane, leading out of the said old highway. The proposed new highway in lieu thereof, of the length of 704 yards and of the breadth of 17 feet (on a medium) commences at or near the said hand-post, proceeds in a north-westerly direction and nearly parallel with the said old highway, into and along two enclosures called Rushfield and Dovehouse Field, the property of Thomas Day, esquire, in the occupation of Peter Clutterbuck, esquire, and the said Thomas Day Branton, or one of them, thence into and uniting with the said old highway near Sheephouse Lane, about 50 yards beyond the orchard belonging to the said mansion house called Micklefield Green. Having received evidence of the consent of the several owners and occupiers of the lands through which the new highway shall pass, the justices order as aforesaid. Certificates attached. No plan. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/128-130 and Draft Sessions Book IX/313.

Order made at a Special Sessions held at the house of Edmund Morris, esquire, at Chorley Wood, in the parish of Rickmansworth, to divert and turn part of a certain public highway in the parish aforesaid, between the

hamlet of Chorley Wood and the hamlet of Mill End, for the length of 885 yards, commencing at or near a public house called the Black Horse, in Chorley Wood, proceeding thence by a paddock the property of Edmund Morris, esquire, and between the grounds of the said Edmund Morris, in the occupation of Mr. Robert Barker, to the foot of a hill at the woods of Mr. Thomas Brown Weedon, at which point the proposed [new] highway over a field called Hogs Trough Field, in the occupation of the said Mr. Barker, would have its junction into the old and accustomed highway leading to the hamlet of Mill End. The course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof is of the length of 1,012 yards and of the breadth of 16 feet on a medium; it commences at or near the said public house called the Black Horse, proceeds down the old highway on Chorley Wood Common by a cottage in the occupation of Mrs. Winnett, thence continues down the lane to, and as far as, a gate called Pheasants' Field Gate, through the field called Hogs Trough Field to the foot of the aforesaid hill, at which point the proposed course would have its junction with the old highway. The proposed course would be 23 poles farther, but more commodious. Having received evidence of the consent of the several owners and occupiers, the justices order as aforesaid. Certificates attached. No plan. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/131-133, Draft Sessions Book IX/313 and Sessions Book IV/372-375.

Order made by the justices at a Special Sessions held at the Essex Arms, in the town of Hertford, to divert and turn part of a certain public footway, so as to make the same more commodious. The said footway lies between Bucks Hill in the parish of Watford, and Hunton Bridge in the parish of Abbots Langley, and is of the length of 318 yards; that is to say, 166½ yards situate in the parish of Watford, and 151½ yards situate in the parish of Abbots Langley. It commences at the lane leading out of the public highway from Chipperfield to Watford, and proceeding thence along the said lane, to, by, and through the farm yard and

premises called Little West Wood Farm, in the occupation of Mr. Septimus Richard Moate, and thence along the same lane in a straight direction to the end of the orchard adjoining the said premises, at which point the new proposed public footway will have its junction into, and unite with, the old public footway leading to Hunton Bridge and Abbots Langley, and is described in the plan annexed.

The proposed new footway will be of the length of 375 yards and of the breadth of 4 feet (on a medium), 196½ yards lying in the parish of Watford and the other 178½ yards in the parish of Abbots Langley. It will commence at the aforesaid lane leading out of the public highway from Chipperfield to Watford, and thence branch out in a northerly direction across a field called Great Home Field, into a certain field called Little Orchard Field, and proceed thence along and by the side of the hedge dividing the said last mentioned field from an orchard thereto adjoining, thence into a close called Pond Field, and turning to the right, immediately on entering such field will proceed along the side of the hedge dividing the said close called Pond Field from the said orchard, thence into the old and accustomed footway leading to Hunton Bridge and Abbots Langley aforesaid, all which said fields are in the occupation of the said Septimus Richard Moate.

Consent of Robert Moat, esquire, plan, etc., attached. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/134-143, Draft Sessions Book IX/313 and Sessions Book IV/367-372.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXVIII/162, 163.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1827.

Account for "iron work" done at the House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXIX/23 and Draft Sessions Book IX/351.

Account for work done by bricklayers and smiths at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXIX/24-25, Draft Sessions Book IX/351 and Sessions Book IV/408.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXIX/98, 99.



Report of the visiting magistrates for the Liberty Gaol.

They state (*inter alia*) that a prisoner has escaped from one of the upper rooms in the gaol. They do not consider any blame attaches to the gaoler, but recommend that, for the greater security (as it was in consequence of the decayed state of the flooring of the room above that the escape was effected), the said room shall be "ceilled."

The surveyor of the buildings lately erected for the keeper of the House of Correction, not being satisfied with the manner in which the contract has been performed, has not yet made his report on the same. Sessions Roll CLXIX/106 and Sessions Book IV/403.

Memorandum that the certificate and order to divert and turn part of a public footway between Bucks Hill in the parish of Watford, and Hunton Bridge in the parish of Abbots Langley (already set out in Easter Sessions, 1827), "were returned to the Clerk of the Peace," who is to enrol them amongst the records of this session. Sessions Roll CLXIX/108 and Sessions Book IV/398-401.

Order that no prisoners confined in the gaol or House of Correction (except debtors) be allowed to receive, in any way, more food than the gaol allowance, unless it shall be otherwise ordered by a visiting magistrate, or the surgeon, on account of illness. This order is to be added to the rules and regulations of the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXIX/106, Draft Sessions Book IX/355 and Sessions Book IV/403-413.

Order that no prisoner confined for punishment, or on suspicion of felony, be allowed to see his or her friends (legal advisers excepted) without an express order from a visiting magistrate. Sessions Roll CLXIX/106, Draft Sessions Book IX/356 and Sessions Book IV/403-413.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace be directed to obtain information respecting the practicability of pulling down the present Court House and selling the materials



and site thereof without incurring the expense of an Act of Parliament. Draft Sessions Book IX/355.

Resolutions by the committee, consisting of the following members, who were appointed to enquire as to the advisability of building a new Town Hall :—

The Earl of Verulam,  
George Watlington, esquire,  
Robert Clutterbuck, esquire,  
Richard Webster, esquire (mayor),  
J. F. Mason, esquire,  
T. Kinder, esquire,  
J. M. Winter, esquire,  
J. Ryley, esquire,  
S. R. Solly, esquire,  
Revd. Edward Bouchier,  
Revd. W. M. Bowen.

They report :—

(1) That it is not expedient to lay out any money in repairing or improving the present Court House, and that a committee be formed “to ascertain the probable expence of building a new Court House upon the present, or any other, site ; including the purchase of the ground with the buildings which may be standing thereon.”

(2) To take into consideration “the means which this liberty possesses of carrying this plan into execution ; and that the committee be empowered to call in a surveyor in order to ascertain the expense of carrying this into effect.” Draft Sessions Book IX/354 and Sessions Book IV/412-413.

Report of the above committee :—

They state that Mr. Smith, the surveyor, has sent in his report and plans, which they submit to the consideration of the Court.

That in their opinion it would be useless to incur any expense in the repair of the present building.

That the situation in St. Peter's Street, recommended by Mr. Smith, "appears to them much more eligible for a new Court House than the site of the present Borough Gaol and Town Hall; that part of the ground alluded to in St. Peter's Street belongs to Mr. Kinder, part to Mr. Kentish, as trustee for a charitable institution, and a small piece to Mr. Robert Nicholls." Application has been made to these persons, who are "willing to sell their property at a fair valuation and to abide by the decision of two surveyors."

The committee think it should be ascertained whether—as the land on which the present Town Hall stands is a grant from the Crown for a specified purpose—it can be disposed of or appropriated to any other purpose, and whether an Act of Parliament will be necessary. Sessions Roll CLXIX/107 and Sessions Book IV/404.

Letter from George Smith to the Committee of Magistrates:—

"Gentlemen,

In obedience to your instructions, I have surveyed the Town Hall at St. Albans, with reference to a resolution passed at a meeting of magistrates held in June last, and report that the Town Hall and premises generally require considerable repairs, the probable amount of which I am of opinion would not be less than from £500 to £600. I have also prepared a design for the rebuilding on its present site, and which I have the honour herewith to submit. The estimated amount of carrying the design into effect would be about £4,000. I presume I am permitted here to observe, with reference to its present site (and which will be more particularly explained in the accompanying design), that the present site is too much confined, and having but two frontages makes it further objectionable.

"In public buildings it is, at all times, desirable that they should be insulated to permit free access thereto, besides which it affords greater security to the premises. I take leave to suggest (could it be obtained) that the site of the buildings situate

between the present Town Hall and Mr. Kinder's premises, would be highly desirable and well adapted for the purposes ; as also the plot of ground called Rome land, should that situation not be considered too distant from the centre of the town.

" I have been induced to make these observations from a desire to consult the best interest and ultimate advantages to be derived to the town by a building appropriate to the various purposes of Town Hall, Sessions House, ball room, etc. I regret (from the limited time allowed me) not being able to have furnished a design for one of the sites herein mentioned, but shall be happy in doing so and attending at St. Albans with them, whenever required.

" Your directions relative to the bridge at Medburn only reached me yesterday, I therefore have not had an opportunity of attending to it, but will in a few days, and transmit the same to Mr. Story."

[signed] GEORGE SMITH.

Sessions Roll CLXIX/104-105 and Sessions Book IV/405.

A letter from the Clerk of the Peace to the town clerk of St. Albans, written by direction of the committee, touching the grant of Rome Land for the purposes of the proposed new Court House, " and the resolutions of the court of aldermen convened in consequence " were taken into consideration.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Peace make another application to the mayor and corporation, signifying the opinion " of the Quarter Sessions " that the plot of ground alluded to in the resolutions is too much confined for the purpose required ; that the site of ground on Rome Land appears far more eligible for erecting such a building as would combine the conveniences requisite for the transaction of public business, and prove an ornament to the town ; and to request that the corporation will again take the subject into their consideration and give a definite answer as to the solicited grant of Rome Land.

The answer from the Office of Woods and Forests, to the Earl of Verulam, touching the steps to be taken to obtain the consent of the crown for the disposal, etc., of the present Town Hall was received.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Peace be directed to request that the corporation will present the memorial suggested as early as convenient.

The committee appointed at the Court held on 13 July last (having stated that they were unable, at present, to make any report upon the subject they were directed to enquire into) it is ordered that the former committee be re-appointed and continue their enquiries; and that when the Clerk of the Peace shall have received the answer of the corporation, and also that of the Crown, he do transmit copies thereof to the Earl of Verulam (chairman of the committee) preparatory to another meeting. Draft Sessions Book IX/357-359 and Sessions Book IV/414-415.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1827.

Account for work done by smiths, plumbers and others, at the House of Correction and Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLXX/1-15 and 17-18.

Account for work done at High Bridge [no details given]. Draft Sessions Book IX/383.

Amended rules and regulations of the Rickmansworth Benefit or Assurance Society, confirmed and enrolled. Draft Sessions Book IX/377.

Report by the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol. They state that, among other things, they have found it necessary to order "close wooden blinds" to be placed on the outsides of the windows of the gaol and House of Correction, to prevent the prisoners from conversing with their acquaintances in the street, and as a further prevention they have been obliged to order iron bars to be placed inside the windows.

That a washhouse has been built, for the use of the keeper of the gaol, in pursuance of the orders of the last Quarter Sessions; and that, in consequence

of the escape of a prisoner, a ceiling has been made to the room where the said prisoner was confined.

That on the recommendation of the surgeon, half a pound of bread per day extra has been allowed to the prisoners on the tread-wheel; the death of a prisoner is reported (John Gowes, a lunatic) caused by a fall during an attack of epilepsy.

They do not perceive any improvement in the morals of the prisoners and can only urge discipline, employment, hard labour and observance of rules.

One prisoner escaped, and his escape appears to have been due to inattention on the part of the keeper of the gaol; but as the said prisoner was re-apprehended they "abstain from further remarks upon it." Sessions Roll CLXX/100-101.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXX/110-111.

The committee of magistrates, appointed in reference to the proposed new Court House, delivered in their report. Ordered that the committee be continued, and that the mayor of St. Albans, for the time being, be added thereto. Draft Sessions Book IX/376.

Presentment by two justices of the liberty to the justices in Quarter Sessions, that the Court House in the Town Hall of the borough of St. Albans, "accustomably" used for holding the sessions for the liberty, is insufficient and inconvenient, and in want of considerable repair, and that it would be injudicious to lay out money sufficient to put the same into substantial repair. That there is great necessity for the erection of a new Court House and buildings appertaining thereto, which they desire the Court will take into consideration under the provisions of the Act 7 George IV. Cap. 63. This presentment was "not used, the reports and presentments previously made being sufficient and more within the scope of the Act 7 George IV. Cap. 63." Sessions Roll CLXX/92-93.

Report of the committee appointed to examine into the practicability of building a new Court and Sessions House, and to examine into the means applicable to that purpose.



They state that, after various meetings (at which they communicated with the mayor and corporation of St. Albans and the Reverend John Kentish, in respect of a site for the above purpose, and with Mr. Smith, the architect, in respect of the building) they came to the conclusion that the land offered by Mr. Kentish is the best for the erection of the new Court House as aforesaid, "Rome Land not being within their reach, in consequence of a recent determination of the corporation." They therefore recommend the former site; and, as Mr. Smith has produced plans which have met with the approbation of the committee, and which with very little alteration may be made applicable to the site to be acquired from Mr. Kentish, they have returned the plans to him in order that he may make therein the alterations necessary. The sum required will not exceed £6,000; to meet which it will be necessary to impose a rate of 1d. in the pound on the borough and liberty. Such rate will produce:—

From the liberty	..	..	£533	6	8
From the borough	..	..	34	15	0
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TOTAL	..	..	£568	1	8
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Interest on £6,000, to be borrowed at 4 per cent. will be	..	..	£240	0	0
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There would remain for a sinking fund	..	..	£328	1	8
But if the materials and site of the old building are allowed to be sold they would produce £1,000; that on interest of 4 per cent. would yield	..	..	40	0	0
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Making the sinking fund	..	..	£368	1	8
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The committee recommend that the mayor and corporation of St. Albans be invited to join in the above undertaking, so that the site and materials of the present Court and Sessions House might be sold and

the money arising from the sale devoted as above. Sessions Roll CLXX/94-95 and Draft Sessions Book IX/387-388.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1828.

Joseph Green and James Streaton, convicted of poaching; ordered to be transported for the term of seven years. Draft Sessions Book X/9 and Gaol Book IV/347.

“The magistrates will take into consideration, at the next Sessions, the state of the bridge at Batchworth, to be presented them by Mr. Morris, and notice to be given to the magistrates of such matter to be considered.” Draft Sessions Book X/11 and Sessions Book IV/439.

A general statement of the income and expenditure of “the St. Albans Road,” between October, 1826, and October, 1827, was filed. Draft Sessions Book X/11.

The King’s pardon, for a remission of part of the sentence of John Dayton, convicted of pig stealing and under sentence in the gaol of this liberty, delivered. Draft Sessions Book X/12.

Accounts for work done by bricklayers, ironmongers and others, at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXXI/18-22 and Sessions Book IV/451.

Report by the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol. They state, *inter alia*, that they consider the allowance of sixpence per day for each prisoner too much, “with reference to the present price of bread,” and they recommend that no more than fivepence per day be allowed, including straw.

That the expense of repairs to the tread-wheel has this year exceeded £20, and they submit to the Court Mr. Searanck’s suggested alterations, and recommend that a committee be formed to take the same into consideration and report thereon at the next General Quarter Sessions. Sessions Roll CLXXI/111-112, Draft Sessions Book X/23 and Sessions Book IV/456-457.

Letter from Mr. Searancke, suggesting certain alterations for the tread-wheel, etc., at the House of Correction.

“I have examined the tread-wheel at the House of Correction. From the bad construction of the machinery and the little use it is applied to, I beg to submit for your consideration some alterations that may employ so much labour to more advantage. As regards the improper construction, the wheel is now fixed about forty feet above the level of the top of the well; the consequence is, in order to work the pumps, there is a vertical shaft, two pair of level wheels, a fly wheel, and six bearings, making, with the extra size of the shafts, a friction equal to the power of four men, besides an expense in repair. The elevation of any new machinery to the wheel as now fixed, would cause much vibration.

“I therefore propose removing the wheel to a room on the ground floor called the Dungeon, little used, and then connect the wheel to the horizontal shaft as it is now fixed, which would get rid of the superfluous machinery. A tank to be fixed on the top of the building to supply both prisons with water (the keeper of the House of Correction is obliged to fetch all the water used on his side from the other, in pails) the tanks of sufficient capacity to supply the top of the town, provided you are not at the expense of the pipes. This work may be unconnected by a coupling box from the wheel.

“Then a grist mill may be put up, consisting of a pair of trench stones, two feet in diameter, which will require the work of fourteen men at most, and will grind one and a half bushels of wheat per hour, with a dressing machine and a pair of peak stones for barley, beans, etc.

“You may then buy wheat of a second quality to grind for the prisoners, and contract with a baker for making it into bread, this may be done by finding yeast etc., at 9s. to 10s. per sack, which will make 120 loaves of 3lbs. each, or 90 loaves of 4lbs. each.

“ An account must be kept of the accurate weight of all wheat brought in, and the number of prisoners will account for the consumption of it.

“ A governor should be fixed to the tread-wheel, so as to warn the keeper should the men be idle, as all machinery ought to be kept at one regular speed to work well.

“ In estimating the probable expense, I find, to be done in the most perfect way, it will cost near £300, as none of the present work, except the wheel, will do again. As this sum is more than you would probably wish to expend, I think the alteration of the pump alone, as regards the supply of water for the use of the prisoners, and to the inhabitants, particularly in case of fire, would be of great advantage and not a very heavy expense ; say £100.

“ I find the bottom of the well is in so bad a state that unless it is attended to, the pumps, which are of cast iron instead of brass, will be shortly rendered useless, the grit from the sides of the well having fallen in and is now drawn up when the well is pumped dry through the barrels.

“ In calculating the space the prisoners tread over, conceiving they now on an average work six hours per day, will be only two miles, three furlongs per day, you may, without incurring much expense, get an estimate of either or both the alterations ; this I recommend, and shall be most happy to offer my service and advice in any way that may be useful.

[Signed] P. SEARANCE.”

Sessions Roll CLXXI/113-114 and Sessions Book IV/457-458.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXI/123-124.

Order to pay James Cottle £19 13s. 5d., the amount of his bill allowed at this Sessions, for repairing the machinery of the tread-wheel, engine and pump. Sessions Book IV/451.

Order to pay John Sedgwick, high constable, £9 7s. 6d., being expenses incurred by him in attending to suppress Patchetts Green fair. Sessions Book IV/452.

Order that the visiting magistrates take the necessary steps towards the present repair of the tread-wheel and well annexed, in order to [improve] the present supply of water ; and that the consideration of Mr. Searancke's letter be referred to a committee consisting of the visiting magistrates. Sessions Book IV/459.

Mr. George Smith delivered in plans and an elevation for the new Court House and Town Hall, "adapted to the ground belonging to Mr. Kentish, and an estimation thereof amounting to £6,250." The same were ordered to be taken into consideration at the next General Quarter Sessions. Draft Sessions Book IX/390.

At an adjourned Sessions the report of the committee touching the new Court House was considered, and acquiesced in, and, so far as applies to the site on which the same is to be erected, confirmed. Resolution that the Clerk of the Peace shall take the necessary steps to obtain an Act of Parliament enabling the magistrates to carry the proposed building into execution, and that notice thereof be given to the Corporation of St. Albans, in order that they may decide whether they will co-operate with the magistrates in the said erection. Draft Sessions Book X/12-13, 23 and Sessions Book IV/439/450.

The Clerk of the Peace delivered in a communication from the Town Clerk, recording that, at the Borough Sessions, held on the 24th of January, 1828, a letter was received from the Clerk of the Peace requesting an answer before the 26th of January as to whether the Corporation will co-operate in procuring an Act of Parliament in regard to the new Court House. The borough magistrates resolved "that the corporation will cordially co-operate with the justices of the liberty in the proposed measure, and will give the present Town Hall and site towards the expenses of erecting the new Town Hall and Sessions House, on condition



that the freehold of the new buildings is vested in the corporation, and the same rights and privileges are preserved to them as fully and effectually as they now hold and enjoy the same."

It was ordered that the above communication be taken into consideration at the next adjourned Sessions, and that in the meantime the mayor of St. Albans be requested to communicate with the corporation and magistrates of that borough, and bear to them the suggestion of the magistrates present that the expenses of the proposed building be borne in the proportions of two-thirds by the liberty, and one-third by the corporation and borough, and that after the words "on condition that the freehold of the new buildings be vested in the corporation" the words "conjointly with the liberty and borough magistrates" be inserted. Sessions Book IV/455-456.

[Adjourned Sessions]. The following communication from the town clerk of St. Albans was delivered in:—

St. Albans,  
7 February, 1828.

Sir,

"I am directed to transmit to you the following copy of a resolution made at a Court of the mayor and aldermen of the borough of St. Albans, held on the 6th instant, with reference to the suggestion or order of the justices of the liberty, made at their last adjourned Sessions.

This Court is of opinion that it would be highly desirable for the fee simple of the new Town Hall and Sessions House to be vested in the corporation, as being a body which never dies, in the same manner as the present Town Hall and Sessions House are vested in them, and recommends to the justices of the liberty to take the last resolution of the adjourned Sessions into consideration. And this Court begs leave to express its willingness that the proposed Act of Parliament should contain ample powers and

provisions, enabling the justices of the liberty to have the most full and free enjoyment of the new Town Hall and Sessions House.

[Signed] THOS. WARD BLAGG,  
Common Clerk.

Resolved (1) that the magistrates accept the offer of co-operation from the mayor and aldermen of St. Albans, but upon the same principle and on the same terms as adopted between the magistracy of the County of Herts, and the corporation of Hertford, on the passing of the Act for building the present Shire Hall, and that the corporation be requested to give its definite answer. It is further resolved that enquiry be made whether the corporation and inhabitants can and will place the site in St. Peter's Street in the hands of the liberty magistrates (supposing that spot to be ultimately fixed upon), on the same terms as they are enabled to obtain that belonging to Mr. Kentish, so that no further delay may arise.

(2) That the borough magistrates be requested to give their definite answer to that part of the resolution applying to the proportion in which the expenses shall be borne.

(3) That "the Clerk of the Peace prepare and present the necessary petition to Parliament, for leave to bring in a Bill for the purposes of the new Court and Sessions House."

(4) That Mr. George Smith attend at the next adjourned Sessions, with the plans already made by him, "for the Court and Sessions House, supposing it to be placed on the site in St. Peter's Street." Draft Sessions Book X/26-27 and Sessions Book IV/460-462.

Further Adjourned Sessions. The Committee formed from the inhabitants of St. Albans, and subscribers to the plan for placing the Court and Sessions House in St. Peter's Street, attended, and upon enquiry by the magistrates present engaged to place such site in the hands of the magistrates for this liberty, for the purpose of erecting such building as they shall think proper

for a Court and Sessions House, and purposes applicable thereto, for the sum of £300, to be paid by the magistrates for this liberty.

In consideration of the above engagement it is resolved that the site above-mentioned be accepted, and upon the terms above-mentioned, provided all difficulties with the corporation of, and magistrates for, the borough shall be removed, and that John Clutterbuck, and John Finch Mason, esquires, be a committee on the part of this liberty to meet a committee of two gentlemen, magistrates for the borough and members of the corporation, on the part of the borough, and that George Watlington, esquire, as the chairman of this liberty and recorder of the borough, "be the fifth member or umpire of the committee at large, and ascertain the terms on which the co-operation of the corporation and magistrates for the borough can be obtained; the magistrates present consenting that the fee simple of the proposed building may, if thought expedient, be vested in the magistrates for the liberty and borough of St. Albans, and the corporation of the latter for the time being."

Letter from Mr. Wilkins delivered in (not set out), upon which it was resolved that the magistrates for the liberty are fully sensible of the value of the offer made them by Mr. Wilkins, but in consequence of the wish expressed by a very large majority of the inhabitants of St. Albans, they have been induced to accept the proposition to take the site in St. Peter's Street for the new Court and Sessions House, provided no difficulty arises to alter their determination. Draft Sessions Book X/29-31 and Sessions Book IV/463-465.

Report of the committee, appointed from the magistrates of the liberty and the corporation and magistrates of the borough, dated the 8th of March, 1828.

The committee report "that George Watlington, esquire, appointed as umpire between the liberty, and borough and corporation, having declined to interfere as such, the undersigned met Samuel Jones and Richard Webster, esquires, on the part of the

borough and corporation, and came to the following arrangement. That the expenses of and attending the Act of Parliament, and the erection of the proposed buildings, and all incidental expenses, be borne in the proportions of two-thirds by the liberty and one-third by the borough; that the expense of all future repairs be borne in the like proportions. The undersigned [committee] recommend, at the suggestion of the above two gentlemen meeting on the part of the corporation, that the fee of the proposed buildings be vested in the corporation of St. Albans and the magistrates for the liberty and borough of St. Albans for the time being." Sessions Book IV/466-467.

Resolution (at further adjourned Sessions) that the plan now delivered in by Mr. George Smith be adopted in principle, and that any alterations which may be considered necessary be suggested through the Earl of Verulam, who has kindly undertaken to see Mr. Smith upon the subject. Draft Sessions Book X/33 and Sessions Book IV/467.

Proposal by the mayor of St. Albans that the Town Clerk of that borough be employed conjointly with the Clerk of the Peace in soliciting and obtaining the Act of Parliament for the New Court and Sessions House. Resolved (with the dissenting voice of the mayor only) that the Clerk of the Peace be solely employed. Sessions Book IV/467.

Report by the Clerk of the Peace that in compliance with the orders of this Court, he had caused the necessary petition to be presented to the House of Commons, for leave to bring in the Bill for building the new Court House, and that such Bill was, by the House, referred to the Committee of Standing Orders. That he had attended before and been examined by the committee, and had explained the causes which had rendered the compliance with the Standing Orders of the House impossible; that he had endeavoured to impress upon the members the necessity for passing the Bill in the present Sessions, but that the committee had not-

withstanding decided that the Standing Orders should not be dispensed with. Draft Sessions Book X/35 and Sessions Book IV/469.

### EASTER SESSIONS 1828.

Joseph Saunders, convicted of stealing one silver tablespoon of the value of 10s., sentenced to transportation for seven years. Draft Sessions Book X/38 and Gaol Book IV/360.

Thomas Surrey, convicted of stealing fourteen fowls, four ducks and a drake, sentenced to be imprisoned for fourteen days and during that time to be once publicly whipped at the market place on a market day. Draft Sessions Book X/39 and Gaol Book IV/361.

Account for work done by painters and others at the Bridewell, Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXXII/15, 18-19 and Sessions Book IV/477, 478.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol, that the house, lately built for the keeper of the House of Correction, appears to be in a very defective state, especially in the construction of the roof and gutters, in consequence of which the walls of the bedrooms are damaged by the wet. Sessions Roll CLXXII/103 and Sessions Book IV/475.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXII/120, 121.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace take the necessary steps to compel Mr. Wells, the contractor for building the keeper's apartments at the House of Correction, to complete the same, agreeable to his contract. Sessions Book IV/476.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS 1828.

James Plumridge, convicted of stealing a quantity of lace valued at £15, sentenced to transportation for seven years. Draft Sessions Book X/65 and Gaol Book IV/374.



Re-appointment of the committee, with reference to the intended New Court House (names set out); five to be a quorum. The committee are empowered to complete the purchase of the site for the proposed Court House, and clear the ground, and "to take all other necessary steps for facilitating the object in view." Draft Sessions Book X/85 and Sessions Book IV/493.

Order, on the recommendation of Mr. George Smith, the surveyor for the liberty, that the south side of the House of Correction be painted twice in oil, stone colour. Draft Sessions Book X/87 and Sessions Book IV/494.

Notice to be given in "the Circular" that, at the next Sessions, will be discussed the question of prohibiting prisoners committed for trial from receiving more food than the gaol allowance. Also that all prisoners be allowed to see their friends upon an order from any magistrate of the liberty, whether he be a visiting justice or not. Draft Sessions Book X/87-88 and Sessions Book IV/495.

Accounts for work done by bricklayers, painters, and others at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXXIIa/13, 14, 15, 21 and Sessions Book IV/488-489.

Account (*inter alia*) for printing fifty hand-bills relating to the suppression of a fair at St. Stephens. Sessions Roll CLXXIIa/18.

Report by the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol. They state (*inter alia*) that "some beer had been admitted to the prisoners in the gaol by the keeper's wife, during his absence, which occasioned some noise and confusion in the prison," but precautions have now been taken to prevent this occurring again. They beg to state that the dwelling-house erected for the keeper of the House of Correction has been finished some time, but has not yet been finally paid for, the surveyor not having yet given his certificate that the work is satisfactorily completed. Sessions Roll CLXXIIa/102 and Draft Sessions Book X/84.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXIIa/108-109.

Order that no beer be admitted into the gaol or House of Correction; except to debtors, and to them not more than half a pint daily, without an order to the contrary from "the visiting magistrates, or the surgeon." Sessions Book IV/492.

Appointment of William Townsend as constable for the hamlet of Tittenhanger, "in addition to the constable already appointed for that hamlet." Sessions Book IV/493.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1828.

George Pratt, convicted of stealing a quantity of cheese of the value of 5s., sentenced to transportation for seven years. Draft Sessions Book X/92 and Gaol Book IV/386.

Henry Woodward, convicted of stealing a cotton shawl of the value of 6d., sentenced to transportation for seven years. Draft Sessions Book X/95 and Gaol Book IV/386.

William Luck, convicted of stealing a shovel of the value of 2s., and John Tophill of stealing three bushells of red wheat of the value of 20s., sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and during that time to be once publicly whipped on a market day at St. Albans. Draft Sessions Book X/96 and Gaol Book IV/385, 387.

Report by the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol; they state (*inter alia*) that there is great neglect by the keeper of the gaol, which they attribute to drunkenness and which they fear has "become habitual," as he was severely admonished for the same last Sessions, and since then one of the justices, on visiting the gaol, found him in such a state of intoxication as to render him totally incapable of performing his duty.

The keeper of the House of Correction has preferred a complaint against the wife of the keeper of the gaol, and Samuel Rawley, a person occasionally employed as assistant to her husband, charging them with

instigating certain prisoners to attempt their escape, promising their assistance. Sessions Roll CLXXIIb/96 and Sessions Book IV/499.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXIIb/99-100.

Rules and regulations of "the Sarratt and King's Langley Friendly Institution for raising amongst its members, and by voluntary subscription, a fund for their mutual relief, and maintenance, in sickness, infirmity and old age," confirmed and allowed. Meetings of the Society are to be held at the Vestry Room of Sarratt Church. Draft Sessions Book X/100 and Sessions Book IV/498.

Order that the consideration of the charges brought against the keeper of the gaol of drunkenness and neglect, and against his wife and one Samuel Rawley of assisting prisoners to escape, be deferred to the next adjourned Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/103.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace cause the necessary steps to be taken for repairing the bridge at Colney, at the joint expense of the county and liberty. Draft Sessions Book X/110.

In consequence of the illness of Mr. Cook, the gaoler, the magistrates defer the consideration of the charges against him till the next Quarter Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/113 and Sessions Book IV/500.

Order that Mr. George Smith, the surveyor, be instructed to examine into the condition of Colney Bridge and report thereon. Sessions Book IV/505.

The further consideration of the report of the magistrates in reference to the conduct of Charles Cook, the gaoler, is finally postponed to the next General Quarter Sessions. Sessions Book IV/506, 508, 509.

General annual report of the chief magistrate of the liberty and of the borough made pursuant to the Act 5 Geo. IV Cap. 85. Sessions Book IV/506-507.

## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1829.

Accounts for books provided for the use of the magistrates, and for printing and advertising. Items include "March 27th, Moor's Almanack for Mr. Lowe, 2s. 3d." Sessions Roll CLXXIII/15 and Sessions Book V/11.

Account for printing and advertising notices for tenders for taking down and rebuilding Medburn Bridge. Sessions Book V/11.

William Culverhouse convicted of larceny ; to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/13.

Certificate regarding the completion of the Medburn Bridge submitted to the magistrates, by Mr. George Smith, the Surveyor. The Magistrates were of opinion that the contractor had duly performed his contract ; but inasmuch as the approaches to the bridge are still in a defective and unsound state, they direct that the balance remaining due to the contractor, is to be withheld until such approaches have been remedied. Sessions Book V/15.

Account for work done by smiths, plumbers, glaziers and bricklayers at the House of Correction, the Liberty Gaol and Brideswell. Sessions Roll CLXXIII/21-25 and Sessions Book V/9-10.

Letter from George Smith to the magistrates of the liberty states that, in pursuance of their instructions, he has surveyed the bridge at London Colney, and finds that it requires some repairs to the piers and cutwaters, and also to the wharfage, which is partly decayed, and, in some parts, wholly removed ; "the current of water operating on some of the piers renders it necessary they should be underpinned and the flint paving restored." There are also some minor repairs required to the external face of the bridge and wing walls. In other respects the bridge is in a sound and substantial state. The road having been raised "on the northern approach," it has become necessary to make an extension of the post and rail fencing, to protect the public passing over the bridge.

The writer recommends that the said repairs be delayed till the water has subsided as it will make the work easier and be less expensive. He estimates the cost of the repairs at about £100. Sessions Roll CLXXIII/97-98 and Sessions Book V/7-8.

Draft of a proposed Act of Parliament for building the new Court House submitted for the consideration of the magistrates. It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk of the Peace of the liberty forward a copy to the Town Clerk of St. Albans for the approbation of the corporation. Sessions Roll CLXXIII/96, Sessions Book V/15-16 and Draft Sessions Book X/122-123.

Report of the committee appointed with reference to the new Court House: the necessary notices have been given and forms observed, conformably with the standing orders of the House of Commons, preparatory to presenting the Bill for building the new Court House, etc., and no impediment appears to exist to the procuring of the Act in the ensuing session. Parts of the proposed site in St. Peter's Street, belonging to Thomas Kinder, esquire, and Mr. Robert Nicholls, have been purchased by the committee on behalf of the town of St. Albans, and the buildings thereon pulled down. Some difficulty has existed in finding a plot to build almshouses in lieu of those standing upon a portion of the proposed site, but a suitable site has now been found. The committee hope to be able to place the whole site in the hands of the magistrates of the liberty and borough in time to enable the erection of the new Court House and Town Hall to be commenced early in the ensuing spring. The committee have employed Mr. Smith to make drawings and plans for the proposed buildings adapted to the site in St. Peter's Street, which they now present. The estimate given to them for the building upon the larger scale, amounts to £10,863, and upon the smaller scale to £8,227. These plans have been made upon suggestions conveyed through the Earl of Verulam, who was requested by the committee to communicate with Mr.



Smith upon the subject, and the arrangements made by each meet with the approbation of the committee. Finding the expense of the larger building much beyond their expectations they beg to recommend to the Quarter Sessions the adoption of the plans upon the smaller scale. Sessions Roll CLXXIII/99-100, Sessions Book V/6-7 and Draft Sessions Book X/122-124.

Report of the committee, appointed to examine bills and transact the liberty business : Charles Cook, the gaoler, is still ill, and they have deducted from his bill a charge made by him for an assistant during the time he has been unable to attend to the duties of his office, as they consider that the same should be borne by the gaoler out of his salary, unless he is absent conveying prisoners to the hulks, or otherwise by the direction of the magistrates ; but in consideration of his long illness the committee recommend that a sum of £7 be given him as “ a present,” the same not to form any precedent for the future. Ordered that the visiting magistrates enquire further into the state of the gaoler and that the proposed allowance stand over until the next Sessions.

The committee further report that they are informed that the necessary repairs to London Colney Bridge, and the proportions of the liability between the county and liberty for the expense of such repairs, is under consideration. Sessions Roll CLXXIII/101-102 and Sessions Book V/5-6.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXIII/107-108.

The printed copy of the Bill presented to the House of Commons was read and the blanks supplied in the copies sent out to the magistrates. Some trifling corrections were suggested and agreed to. Sessions Book V/18 and Draft Sessions Book X/127.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1829.

Application by Henry Jeffries “ contractor for vagrants,” for additional compensation in consequence of the number of Scotch vagrants passed through the liberty

“at different and indirect points, instead of through London and along a direct route.” Resolved that it is not expedient to come to any decision upon the application till after the expiration of the existing contract. Sessions Book V/41-42 and Draft Sessions Book X/139.

Order that a committee be formed to examine and approve the “rules and tables” of the intended benefit society for the parish of St. Stephen’s and its vicinity. Draft Sessions Book X/139.

James Spearen, committed for larceny; ordered to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for nine calendar months, and kept to hard labour; and during that time to be three times publicly whipped, on market days, in the market place of St. Albans. Sessions Book V/39.

Claim by Mr. John Glover for the balance of his account in respect of Medbourn Bridge. Mr. George Smith, the surveyor, having certified that the work has been carried out to his entire satisfaction, it is ordered that the money be paid, with a further sum of £1 16s. 0d., for extra work done by the said Glover, by the direction of the said Mr. Smith. Sessions Book V/43-44.

Complaint having been made to several magistrates, out of Sessions, of the present defective state of the two bridges called High and Low Bridges, on the lower road from Rickmansworth to Watford, and enquiries having been made at this Sessions whether in the event of the Earl of Grosvenor and Thomas Grimston Bucknall Estcourt, esquire (who are considered liable by tenure to repair these bridges), rebuilding the same in a sound and substantial manner to the satisfaction of the surveyor, the magistrates of this liberty would, by reason of the great traffic across these bridges and their general utility to the public, be induced to adopt them as liberty bridges, the Clerk of the Peace is directed to ascertain Lord Grosvenor’s and Mr. Estcourt’s sentiments on the subject and report thereon to a

subsequent Sessions for consideration. Sessions Book V/40 and Draft Sessions Book X/136.

The Act for building a new Court House for the liberty and borough (having received the royal assent, 14 May instant) was laid before the Sessions by the Clerk of the Peace.

He is directed to advertise for sealed tenders to be delivered at the adjourned Sessions to be held on Saturday the 4th of July, for building the said Court House (exclusive of plasterers and painters work) agreeable to the plans and specifications now produced. He is also directed to have one hundred copies of the said specifications printed and to charge each applicant for a copy at a "remunerating" price. The plans and specifications are to be left at the Town Hall, St. Albans, for reference till the 15th of June next, and from then till the 2nd of July at the office of Mr. George Smith, the surveyor. Mr. Smith's clerk is to attend with the plans at both places.

Advertisements are to be inserted in the three county papers, *The Times*, *Morning Herald*, and *Courier*, three times in each paper, at intermediate dates, and are to contain a statement that the magistrates will not bind themselves to take the lowest tender.

The Clerk of the Peace is further directed to advertise for a sum of £6,000 to be raised on the credit of the rates of the liberty and borough, in proportions of one-third for the borough, and two-thirds for the liberty, in sums of not less than £100 each; and also to ascertain whether the same can be obtained by way of loan from the Government. Sessions Book V/42-43 and Draft Sessions Book X/140-141.

Report of the visiting magistrates. They state that upon enquiry concerning the conduct of Mr. Cook, the gaoler, they consider him to have been highly blamable in suffering himself at any time, having so responsible a trust, "to be overtaken by liquor," and that but for his long service and general good conduct in other respects and promises of reform, they would feel it

their duty to recommend his discharge; however, under all the circumstances, and considering the time that has elapsed since the fact was proved, they recommend him to the mercy of the court, after a severe reprimand from the Chairman.

With respect to the accusations against Mrs. Cook, they think the charges too vague and “coming from too suspicious a quarter to be relied on”; they are mere assertions of some female prisoners, and the committee cannot imagine that the gaoler’s wife would have exposed herself to such public observations as to hold conversation in the street with the said prisoners, and still less that she could try to persuade them to escape when her husband is responsible for their security, both in the House of Correction and in the gaol. Sessions Roll CLXXIV/204 and Sessions Book V/31-32.

Charles Cook, the gaoler, was called before the magistrates present, and reprimanded. Sessions Book V/40.

Disallowance of a claim made on behalf of Mrs. Deayton, wife of the keeper of the House of Correction, for remuneration for extra attendance upon females committed to her husband’s custody, the committee considering that it might form a bad precedent for the future. Sessions Book V/31.

Account for stonemason’s work, done at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/33.

William Peacock and William Parsons convicted of larceny; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/37.

The following persons attended this Sessions and delivered in tenders for building the proposed new Court House, and completing the works incident thereto:—

Mr. George Harrison of Ebury			
Street, Pimlico	..	..	£9,500 0 0
Messrs. William and Thomas			
Stewart, of Limehouse	..	..	£9,095 0 0

Mr. William Baldock Moore, of 11, Church Street, Westminster ..	£7,239	0	0
Mr. Richard Dean, of Milner Place, Lambeth .. .. .	£6,991	0	0

Mr. George Smith being in attendance, and having represented to the magistrates that the said Richard Dean is well known to him and is in his opinion a competent and proper person with whom to contract, this court accepts the said tender of the said Richard Dean, who is directed to be present at the next Sessions. Sessions Book V/44-45.

The Committee considered various offers from persons willing to lend money under authority of the recent Act for building the proposed new Court House. The offer of the Reverend Mr. Porter, of Maddox Street, Hanover Square, London, to lend the whole sum at five per cent. interest, to be considered at the next Sessions. Sessions Book V/45.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXIV/210-211.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1829.

Consideration of the report of the committee appointed to transact the liberty business. Resolved that, in future, the surgeon and apothecary to the gaol and House of Correction be appointed annually at a fixed salary of £40 a year, for the two jurisdictions; this sum to include charges for operations, medicines, attendance and all other things necessary; the amount is to be paid by the liberty and borough—£35 by the former and £5 by the latter. The said post to be offered to Mr. Webster on the above terms for the next twelve months. Sessions Roll CLXXV/51, Sessions Book V/52-53 and Draft Sessions Book X/148.

The Clerk of the Peace is directed to write to William Holder, esquire, "Exchequer Loan Bill Office," to know if the £10,000 required, could be advanced from that office, and at what rate of interest, and to send the said Mr. Holder a copy of the Act of Parliament, and inform him what



sum one penny in the pound will produce. Meanwhile the applications for advancing the said money on mortgage of the rates are to stand over. Draft Sessions Book X/145.

Rules and regulations of the Watford Savings Bank approved and allowed. Sessions Book V/51 and Draft Sessions Book X/147.

The tenders for building the new Court House were delivered in, and that of Mr. Dean, of Milner Place, Lambeth being the lowest and considered to be the most advantageous, it was resolved that the same should be recommended to the next General Quarter Sessions, for acceptance. The Clerk of the Peace is ordered to enquire into the sureties proposed by Mr. Dean, being two persons in £1,000 each, previous to the next Sessions. Sessions Book V/44, 56 and Draft Sessions Book X/144.

Account for work done by bricklayers, carpenters, smiths and iron work, at the gaol and House of Correction for the liberty. Sessions Roll CLXXV/25-26 and Sessions Book V/59,60.

George Biles, convicted of larceny, to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/62.

Edmund Hill convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned for one month and during that time to be once publicly whipped, on a market day, in the market place at St. Albans. Sessions Book V/63.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace do contract, on behalf of the justices, for the absolute purchase of the site in St. Peter's Street, on which certain almshouses, called Clark's Alms Houses, certain cottages lately the property of Thomas Kinder, and a barn lately belonging to Robert Nicholls, then stood, and the premises and appurtenances to the same belonging, for the erection thereon of a new Court House for this liberty, and for the borough of St. Albans, for £300, the price at which the same has been offered to the

justices, two-thirds to be paid by the liberty and the remaining one-third by the borough.

It appearing that the Court House committee had contracted with the trustees of the said almshouses for exchanging the site thereof for certain other premises without investigation of the titles to, or without taking any conveyance of the same; it is proposed that the said titles shall be investigated and the conveyances to the justices be made at once.

Further order that the Clerk of the Peace enter into a contract, on the part of the justices of the liberty and borough, with Richard Dean, of Milner Place, Lambeth, builder, to erect, on the said site in St. Peter's Street, a new Court House, and complete the works, etc., incident thereto, agreeable to plans and specifications prepared by Mr. George Smith, the surveyor employed by the justices, and approved of and adopted by them (plasterers and plumbers work excepted, but including all "scagliola" work), for the sum of £6,991 0s. 0d., two-thirds to be paid by the liberty and one-third by the borough.

Acceptance of the offer of the Reverend Charles Porter, now of Wing, in the county of Rutland, to advance any sum authorized by Act of Parliament, on the credit of the rates to be levied for the erection of the said Court House, at five per cent. interest, with annual repayments in liquidation of the principal within the period allowed by the said Act; such liquidation to be effected in thirty-five years. Sessions Book V/55-57 and Draft Sessions Book X/149-152.

Mr. Webster admitted "to the situation" of surgeon and apothecary to the gaol and House of Correction for twelve months. Sessions Book V/65 and Draft Sessions Book X/159.

First mortgage to the Reverend Charles Porter, for securing £2,000 executed under the authority of the Act for building the new Court House. Sessions Book V/65, 68 and Draft Sessions Book X/160.

The Clerk of the Peace is directed to communicate the wish of the magistrates of the liberty and borough to the *Custos Rotulorum*, that he will lay the first stone for building the new Court House and Town Hall, and that he will fix the earliest day he conveniently can. Sessions Book V/66 and Draft Sessions Book X/161.

Order to pay Mr. George Smith, surveyor, £200 for his commission, travelling and out-of-pocket expenses, plans, etc., in connection with the erection of the new Court House; and also the following accounts:—for Medbourn Bridge, £32 14s. 6d.; for the House of Correction, £53 2s. 9d.; and for the gaoler's apartments, £36 4s. 9d. Sessions Book V/66-67 and Draft Sessions Book X/162-163.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXV/17-18.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1829.

Report by the visiting magistrates of the liberty gaol that debtors, sent to the gaol by authority of the Commissioners of the Court of Requests, are now admitted at "all hours of the night." The magistrates think it would be desirable to limit the hours of admission to nine o'clock at night in the winter and ten o'clock in the summer. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/205 and Sessions Book V/72.

Order to pay the Clerk of the Peace, £24 17s. 4d., the amount of his bill allowed at this Sessions for business done by him in connexion with the erection of Medbourne Bridge. Sessions Book V/73.

Account for work done by ironmongers and smiths at the Liberty Gaol. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/38 and Sessions Book V/76.

Mary Kimpton and Francis MacKeone, convicted of larceny; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/79-80.

William Headley and David Hay, convicted of larceny; sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour,

and during that time to be once publicly whipped, on a market day, in the market place of St. Albans. Sessions Book V/80.

Charles Downer, convicted of larceny, and having been before convicted of felony, ordered to be transported for life. Sessions Book V/81.

Order to pay the Clerk of the Peace £66 7s. 4d. his bill, allowed in relation to the stopping up of the footpath which led from Dagnall Lane to the Verulam Road, and over which footpath the new Court House was originally intended to have been built. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/55 58, Sessions Book V/91 and Draft Sessions Book X/186.

Second mortgage to the Reverend Charles Porter, for securing £2,000. Draft Sessions Book X/165.

Report of the Parliamentary Committee; they (*inter alia*) leave the consideration of the repairs of High and Low Bridges, situated between Rickmansworth and Watford, to the magistrates in Sessions. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/206 and Sessions Book V/73.

The question of the repairs to these bridges is by the magistrates adjourned. It appears that a case, applicable to this point, is being submitted to counsel by some of the parties interested. Sessions Book V/74 and Draft Sessions Book X/167.

Order to pay Charles Cook, the gaoler, £7, recommended (at a previous Sessions) to be paid to him for the attendance of an "occasional assistant." Sessions Book V/74 and Draft Sessions Book X/168.

Order that the plasterers work to the outside of the new Court House be in Parker's cement, and that such work, both inside and out, "be executed by open competition amongst such persons as follow the trade of plasterers only." The painters work inside and out, also to be done by open competition as above. Sessions Book V/85 and Draft Sessions Book X/177.

Order that the prisoners' dock in the new Court House be altered, so that the prisoner be placed in front of the Chairman. Sessions Book V/85 and Draft Sessions Book X/178.

List of tenders delivered in for plasterers and painters work at the new Court House. Resolved that the tender of Mr. Richard Newport, of 50, Guildford Street, Kennington (£897 14s.) for plasterers work, and that of Mr. James Wharton, of Tottenham, £187, for painters work be accepted. Sessions Book V/87-89 and Draft Sessions Book X/180-181.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace cause the new Court House buildings to be insured, in the county Fire Office, Regent Street, in the sum of £5,000. Sessions Book V/89 and Draft Sessions Book X/184.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace take the necessary steps to redeem the land tax at present assessed upon the site purchased for the new Court House, and buildings. Sessions Book V/90 and Draft Sessions Book X/184.

The report of the committee of the Trustees of the St. Albans Road, as to Colney Bridge, to be taken into consideration at the next General Quarter Sessions, and to be included in the notice. Sessions Book V/90 and Draft Sessions Book X/185.

Account of Nash & Son for inserting advertisements in several newspapers concerning contracts, etc., for the new Court House. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/33 and Sessions Book V/76-77.

Account of the Clerk of the Peace (?) for his expenses and fees, and in regard to the repair of Medbourne Bridge. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/45-48.

Account (£178 3s. 0d.) of the Clerk of the Peace of the liberty, for his expenses in regard to the proposed new Court House, and "soliciting" the Act of Parliament for building the same. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/59-82.



Appointment of a committee to audit the account of the Clerk of the Peace of the liberty for "soliciting" the Act of Parliament for building the new Court House. Sessions Book V/85.

Order to pay the above account after deductions amounting to £31 10s. 0d. Sessions Book V/91 and Draft Sessions Book X/186.

Numerous tenders for passing vagrants submitted to the justices. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/83-90.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXVa/207-208.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1830.

Report of the committee appointed to transact the liberty business. They call the attention of the court to the practice of bread being supplied to the prisoners in the gaol and House of Correction through the gaoler and keeper, at an allowance to them for each prisoner *per diem*, and state that in their opinion much benefit would result, both in expenditure and otherwise, if a contract were entered into for the supply of bread at the gaol and House of Correction upon public tenders from the bakers resident in St. Albans. They also call attention to the repairs necessary at the bridge at London Colney, and the further supplies necessary for the completion of the new Court House. Sessions Roll CLXXVI/157, Draft Sessions Book X/190, 192-193 and Sessions Book V/93.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXVI/149-150.

Extract from the report of the Surveying Committee delivered in at a meeting of the trustees of the St. Albans Road, 20 October, 1829 :—

"We are again under the necessity of repeating the dilapidated state of the fences at the bridge at Colney, together with the dangerous state of the foundations which require immediate attention." Sessions Roll CLXXVI/156.

Letter to Mr. Story from F. Searnacke :—" Do not forget the bridge at Colney, if to be done by the liberty. The fences on both sides require to be well done, this may be effected at a reasonable sum by proper plans ; the foundation is getting bad and will not cost much, but if allowed to remain will shortly require considerable expense. The under part of the bridge is improperly put down, it now drives the water against the piers instead of passing it thro' without a check. Everything appertaining to a bridge is dependent on a clear and proper water-course. As I am so often that way I will attend to it for the magistrates if they wish it ; pray do not allow them to set their surveyor to work, he knows nothing about a bridge, as proved by the new one up the Edgware Road." Sessions Roll CLXXVI/155.

Report to the magistrates from F. Searnacke upon the repairs necessary to the bridge at London Colney, which he states is now much more dilapidated than when he inspected it last summer, the floods having undermined the arches. He suggests that the aprons of the bridge should be altered to allow the flood water to clear the bridge freely. He estimates that the repairs to the brickwork would cost £56, and the replacing of the posts and rails on the north approach would cost £21 16s. 0d. Sessions Roll CLXXVI/153-154, Draft Sessions Book X/195 and Sessions Book V/104-105.

Order that the consideration of the above estimates be adjourned until the next Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/188, 193 and Sessions Book V/102.

Resolution that no increase be made to the salaries of the high constables. Draft Sessions Book X/188 and Sessions Book V/93.

General statement of the income and expenditure of the St. Albans Road delivered in. Draft Sessions Book X/188.

George Roberts, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned for three months, and, during that time, to be

twice publicly whipped, on market days, in the market place of St. Albans. Sessions Book V/99.

Execution of the third mortgage to the Reverend Charles Porter, for repayment of the sum of £2,000 which he agreed to lend, and has paid over to the treasurer of the said liberty, with interest at five per cent., and an annual repayment of £80. Draft Sessions Book X/193, 195 and Sessions Book V/102, 106.

Report of the Visiting Magistrates of the Liberty Gaol. They state that the upper apartments of the keeper of the House of Correction have been much damaged by the weather, and consider that the work must have been very badly done: they recommend that Mr. Smith be directed to inspect the same and see that the necessary repairs are properly executed. Mr. Smith is instructed accordingly. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/161 and Sessions Book V/111, 113.

Order by the several magistrates, who, attended by the surveyor, inspected the new Court House "now erecting," that the surveyor cause the well to be cleared out, and that he report to the next adjourned Sessions upon the practicability of making it available for the supply of water to the building. Sessions Book V/116 and Draft Sessions Book X/201.

Order that the consideration of fixing an iron fence round the Court House be adjourned, and that, in the meantime, enquiries be made as to the expense of it, including the coping. Draft Sessions Book X/201 and Sessions Book V/116, 127.

Account for ironmongery furnished, and for work done at the gaoler's apartments. Sessions Book V/120.

Account of John B. Nash for printing, advertizing, binding, etc. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/27.

Account for carpenters, plumbers, glaziers and smiths work done at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction, and at the Bridewell. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/36-41 and Sessions Book V/118-119.

A meeting of the trustees of the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Road, held 29 March, 1830. "The surveyor having reported that the bridge at the mill in Watford is out of repair, ordered that the clerks do represent the same to the Clerk of the Peace for the liberty of St. Albans, that the same may be enquired into at the next Quarter Sessions." Letter from Smith and Grover, clerks to the trustees, follows. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/152-153.

Estimate of bricklayers work intended to be done at Watford Mill Bridge.

To rebuild the parapet and side walls of the bridge ; the two top courses of the front wall to be laid in cement and coped with saddle back cement coping, to rise eight inches in the centre ; the side wall to be ramped up to the height of the front wall and coped with brick on edge in cement. All materials to be found—£18 0s. 0d. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/154.

Report upon Watford Mill Bridge by Thomas Godman & Sons, surveyors. They find that the parapet wall of the bridge opposite the mill "is all gone down to the ground," and many of the bricks thrown into the river, so as to render it dangerous to passengers on the road. Having applied to Mr. Mayes, bricklayer, of Watford, for an estimate for putting the same into good repair, he sent in the above. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/155.

Petition of the high constable of Watford, for an increased allowance for conveying prisoners, etc. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/157-158.

Order that the necessary repairs to Watford Bridge be done under the directions of the magistrates acting in that division. Draft Sessions Book X/200 and Sessions Book V/116.

Ordered that, in future, all repairs to bridges within the liberty, the expenses of which do not exceed £10, be ordered at once by the magistrates acting in the divisions in which such bridges are situate. Draft Sessions Book X/200 and Sessions Book V/116.



Report of the Committee appointed to transact liberty business.

They recommend that the repairs to Watford Bridge be carried out, and state that the repairs to Colney Bridge have been commenced under the superintendence of Francis Searancke, who has applied for an increase of the sum to be expended, in order to allow of new posts and rails, instead of repairing the old ones. They recommend that Mr. Searancke be authorized to spend £14 in addition to the amount before allowed. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/162-163. Draft Sessions Book X/200 and Sessions Book V/113, 116.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXVII/171-172.

Rules and regulations of the Friendly Society formed at Sarraat, confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/202 and Sessions Book V/113.

Order that Mr. Dean, the contractor, be paid a further £800 on account of his contract, upon the recommendation of Mr. George Smith, and that he be employed to make the alterations proposed at the last Sessions, with respect to the Grand Jury box at the new Court House, under the superintendence of Mr. George Smith, on the undertaking that the extras be done for the sum of £17. Draft Sessions Book X/203 and Sessions Book V/125.

Order that Mr. Smith be authorized to have a tank built for the supply of water to the new Court House, the whole expense including any extra pipe, etc., not exceeding £30. Draft Sessions Book X/204 and Sessions Book V/125.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace inform Mr. Porter that the magistrates will not require any further advance of money, under the Act for building the new Court House, until next Sessions. But, in case he shall have "sold out" his money for that purpose, or has made arrangements for the loan, the magistrates will now take the sum of £2,000. The answer of Mr. Porter is to be reported to the adjourned Sessions; and in case it is necessary to take up any further sum now, the same



to be taken in £1,000 for the liberty and £1,000 for the borough. Draft Sessions Book X/204-205 and Sessions Book V/126-127.

Report by Mr. Smith, that he had caused the well at the new Court House to be cleaned out, and that he found the well to be an "oval" one, 5 feet by 4 feet. That its depth was 142 feet 3 inches, and that there is low 15 feet 6 inches of clean water in it. That "the stemming" was not wanting much repair, but that the stages erected for the old pump were decayed and would require renewal. Resolved that the well be again "doomed" over, and that the consideration of an engine for the supply of spring water be adjourned for the present. Draft Sessions Book X/205 and Sessions Book V/125.

The fourth mortgage from the liberty to the Reverend Charles Porter for securing £2,000 and interest under the Act of Parliament for building the new Court House, was executed this day. Draft Sessions Book X/206.

Resolution, moved by J. N. Bacon, esquire, magistrate for the borough, and seconded by S. R. Solly, esquire, that it is expedient to protect the new Court House by an iron railing with gates, provided the aggregate expense does not exceed £500. Negatived by the mayor's casting vote. Draft Sessions Book X/207 and Sessions Book V/128.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1830.

Accounts for iron, carpenters and smiths work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXXVIII/4-5 and Sessions Book V/136-137.

Account (£4 4s. 0d) of Thomas Godman & Sons, for superintending work in connection with Watford Mill Bridge. Sessions Roll CLXXVIII/10 and Sessions Book V/136.

Letter addressed to the magistrates of the liberty of St. Albans:—"We, the undersigned surgeons practising in the town of St. Albans, beg to call your attention to the appointment of surgeon and apothecary

to the gaol and House of Correction which is now directed to be made for twelve months from every midsummer Sessions. We solicit your attention to the very heavy proportion of the expenses borne by the inhabitants of the borough, for the repairs of the buildings, as well as other assessments, in support of our application ; and coupled with the circumstances of the application being made by a majority of the profession resident in the town, we trust that the appointment will, in future, be given annually to the medical gentlemen in rotation. We presume such an arrangement would be found highly conducive to the preservation and promotion of friendly feelings between the members of the profession, and would not be in any degree detrimental to the public interests."

[Signed]

WM. BURGESS,  
FRAS. KINGSTON,  
THOMAS ROGERS,  
JOHN COALES.

Sessions Roll CLXXVIII/162.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXVIII/163-164.

Report of the Committee appointed to transact the liberty business, etc. It recommends that no alteration be made in the allowance to constables for the conveyance of prisoners ; states that the salary paid to the surgeon at the gaol and House of Correction is too high, and recommends its reduction to £30 for the two jurisdictions. The Committee submits a letter received from "the medical gentlemen" in St. Albans to the magistrates in Quarter Sessions, for their determination. It considers that it would be very beneficial to appoint a committee to enquire into the liberty expenditure to see if any and what reduction can be made therein. Sessions Roll CLXXVIII/160-162. Draft Sessions Book X/210-211 and Sessions Book V/132-133.

Resolution that the appointment of Mr. Richard Webster, as surgeon to the gaol and House of Correction, be continued for one year more, at the same salary as last paid to him. Draft Sessions Book X/217 and Sessions Book V/133.

Resolution that the consideration of the expediency of putting a fence round the new Court House be adjourned. Draft Sessions Book X/211, 219 and Sessions Book V/133, 142.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol, that the apartments, both in the gaol and House of Correction have been whitewashed and several repairs executed. That in May last two prisoners escaped from the gaol, and that they consider that Mr. Cook [the keeper] was guilty of great negligence, as five prisoners have escaped from the gaol within the last few years. They consider it their duty to state the above circumstances for the consideration of the Court; a copy of the above report to be sent to the Marquis of Salisbury for his early consideration. Sessions Roll CLXXVIII/161 and Sessions Book V/132.

Rules and regulations of the London Colney Friendly Society, established 1821, revised conformable to 10 George IV, Cap. 56. Confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/219 and Sessions Book V/143.

Application of Mr. Richard Dean, the contractor for building the new Court House (made upon the certificate of Mr. Smith) for £500, refused, as it appeared he had already received the full amount authorized by his contract. Draft Sessions Book X/219 and Sessions Book V/142.

Mr. George Smith is authorized to fix the bells, grates, ranges and coppers in the new Court House, and to provide the fenders and fire irons for the same for a sum not to exceed £200; he is also directed to fix an "iron gate at the bottom of the staircase at the new Court House, and iron gates at the two recesses at the entrance from St. Peter's Street." The consideration of providing tables and chairs for the new Court House is adjourned. Draft Sessions Book X/220, 221 and Sessions Book V/144.

John Smith, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned "for the space of one day, and to be once privately whipped before he is discharged." Sessions Book V/140.

Order that the necessary repairs be done to the bridge, "at the bottom of Watford near the turnpike." This order was made on an application from the Trustees of the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Road, at a meeting held at the King's Arms, Berkhamstead St. Peter. Sessions Book V/143.

Resolution that three tables, similar to those now in use at the present Town Hall, be ordered for the new Court House, and that the four tables now in use be planed ; the whole expense amounting to £12 10s. 0d. Mr. Cozier is directed to make a pattern chair for the new Court House, and send in the same with the price, so that the matter may be brought forward again at the next Sessions. The magistrates consider that there should be four dozen chairs besides those now in use. Draft Sessions Book X/222 and Sessions Book V/145.

Order that Mr. Dean have a further advance of £500 on account of his contract. Draft Sessions Book X/223 and Sessions Book V/144-145.

Order that in future the Clerk of the Peace pay the postage of all letters sent to the magistrates, and charge the same in his accounts. Draft Sessions Book X/223 and Sessions Book V/145.

Three pattern chairs for the new Court House were exhibited to the magistrates. One shown by Mr. Cozier appeared to answer the purpose required, and being the lowest in price, it is ordered that four dozen such chairs be supplied by the said Mr. Cozier at 25s. per chair. If he is unable to make them at that price, the order to be placed with another chairmaker at the price named. Draft Sessions Book X/223-224 and Sessions Book V/145-146.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1830.

Account of Eli Pew amounting to £68 7s. 2d. for work done and materials supplied for the repair of Colney Bridge. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/41.



Report of the surgeon that he has visited the gaols of the liberty and borough. He finds them free from contagious or infectious disease, but Mr. Cook, the gaoler's son, had been attacked with scarlet fever; he is now convalescent. The diseases that prevailed among the prisoners during the last year "were continued and intermittent fevers, inflammatory affections of the chest, [and] colds accompanied with rheumatism." Sessions Roll CLXXIX/193.

Report of the Committee appointed to transact the liberty business. They recommend, *inter alia*, that a competent person be employed to make a specification of the repairs necessary to be done at Watford Bridge, and that tenders for the said repairs may be delivered in at an Adjourned Sessions. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/195.

Letter from the Marquis of Salisbury concerning the reprimand he has given to Mr. Cook on his irregular conduct as gaoler, recommending that the justices, in view of his long service and large family, shall give him one more trial. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/196, Draft Sessions Book X/227 and Sessions Book V/151, 153.

The consideration of the repairs necessary to be done at Watford Bridge to be adjourned to the next Sessions. The Clerk of the Peace in the meanwhile is to enquire into the liability of the liberty to repair it, particularly with reference to repairs done by order and on account of the Trustees of the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Road, about thirteen years since, by Mr. Chapman, bricklayer, of Watford. Draft Sessions Book X/231, 236 and Sessions Book V/151, 153, 164.

The justices present do unanimously set apart the first room on the left-hand side from the entrance opposite St. Peter's Church, in the new Court House, as a fit and proper room for the use of the mayor, aldermen and burgesses of the borough of St. Albans, and their successors, as and for their council chamber. Draft Sessions Book X/232 and Sessions Book V/154.



Report of the visiting magistrates. They state that the roof of the gaol and House of Correction has been lately stripped and the tiles thereon made good. The bars of the windows in the upper apartments of the gaol, where the two prisoners lately escaped, have been made secure. The gaoler has since called the attention of the visiting justices to the bars of other windows in the gaol which he considers unsafe, and they have ordered a competent person to inspect the same and report thereon. On referring to the surgeon's report they are sorry to state that more than the usual number of prisoners have been ill during the last year. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/197.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/200-201.

Account of John Childs, of Aldenham, bricklayer, for repairs done at High Bridge, Colney Street Bridge and Park Street Bridge. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/37 and Sessions Book V/156-157.

Account (£18) of Christian Mayes, for "taking down brickwork, rebuilding ditto, and coping walls to Watford Mill Bridge, as per estimate delivered." Sessions Roll CLXXIX/39 and Draft Sessions Book X/234.

Account of John Bisney (£19 8s. 1d.) for bricklayers work done at Colney Bridge:—Taking up flint-paving and raising the ground, and paving and repairing the foundations of the bridge; taking out decayed bricks, etc. Sessions Roll CLXXIX/40, Draft Sessions Book X/234 and Sessions Book V/156.

Resolution that certain justices for the liberty and borough (named) form a committee, and be authorized to expend the sum of £350 for the purpose of enclosing the new Court House and buildings on every side with iron railings; such sum to include painting. They are also authorised to order a full size armchair for the Chairman, and also a book-case to correspond with and form part of the book-case now in use, belonging to the corporation, and to direct that necessary sconces be made for candles at the new Court House

and any other fittings which may appear right. They may also make such alterations as they wish in the chairs ordered of Mr. Cozier, not altering the price. Draft Sessions Book X/233 and Sessions Book V/154-155.

A design and estimate for a railing round the new Court House prepared by Mr. Smith, was submitted. He stated that Mr. Smalley, of Osborn Place, Whitechapel, ironmaster, was willing to contract for the same, everything included, for £350. Resolution that the offer be accepted and a contract entered into accordingly. Draft Sessions Book X/238 and Sessions Book V/166.

The magistrates, having inspected the grates and stoves sent down by Mr. Smith for the several rooms at the new Court House, disapproved of seven of them, the same having been made of "a fanciful pattern," and procured without their sanction; they therefore refuse to take them, and the Clerk of the Peace is to write to Mr. Smith accordingly. Draft Sessions Book X/239 and Sessions Book V/167.

Accounts for bricklayers, carpenters, millwrights and smiths work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/156-157.

Nathaniel West, convicted of breaking out of the gaol while under sentence of imprisonment for felony; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/161.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1831.

Account for bricklayers, carpenters and other work done at the Liberty Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Roll CLXXX/14-16, 24-25, Sessions Book V/183-184, and Draft Sessions Book X/247.

Account for £6 10s. 0d. for "painting of posts, railing and bar at London Colney [Bridge] by the order of F. Searancke, esquire." Sessions Roll CLXXX/27 and Sessions Book V/182.

Report of the Committee appointed to transact Liberty Business.

They have taken into consideration the appointment of a keeper at the new Court House, and are of opinion that it would be desirable to appoint one to reside in the apartments provided for that purpose, notwithstanding that such residence will incur an additional expense of about £10 per annum. They further suggest that a person of good character without a young or large family, be preferred, and that he be allowed the use of the apartments, "clear of all outgoings," and be provided with all coal at the joint expense of the liberty and borough. Should the Court think it more expedient to appoint a non-resident keeper, the committee recommend that his annual salary be fixed at £20.

An application was presented from the Commissioners of the Court of Requests for the liberty and borough of St. Albans, desiring the new Court House for their meetings on Saturday in each week (see post Easter Sessions). The committee have taken this into consideration, and do not think it should be granted, "in anticipation of the damage which would occur by such frequent traffic upon the matting of the Court." They recommend that the use of the room appropriated for the grand jury be given, and understand that this will answer all the purposes required and be satisfactory to the Commissioners. Sessions Roll CLXXX/113-114, Sessions Book V/170-171 and Draft Sessions Book X/241.

The Clerk of the Peace laid before the Court a copy of a case submitted to Mr. Campbell\* and his opinion thereon, with respect to the liability of the counties of Hertford and Essex, to repair Birchanger Bridge, as bearing upon the question of the liability of this liberty to repair Watford Bridge; but the Chairman drew attention to the judgments in other similar cases, and being at variance with Mr. Campbell's opinion, the Clerk of the Peace was directed to lay the papers before Mr. Campbell, drawing his particular attention to the cases

\*Afterwards Lord Campbell, called to the Bar in 1806.

pointed out by the Chairman, and procure a revision of his opinion with reference to the Watford Bridge, previous to an Adjourned Session. Sessions Book V/172 and Draft Sessions Book X/243.

At the Adjourned Sessions Mr. Campbell's opinion was laid before the Court. He considered the liberty liable to repair the Watford Bridge, and Mr. Pemberton, the county surveyor, was directed to survey it and make an estimate of the repairs necessary. Sessions Book V/188 and Draft Sessions Book X/250.

Appointment of David Arnold, as keeper of the new Court House. Four pounds yearly is to be allowed in addition to his salary for brooms, brushes, etc., necessary for keeping the building clean. Sessions Book V/188 and Draft Sessions Book X/249.

Order that Mr. Dean be paid £500 on further account of his contract for building the new Court House. Sessions Book V/188 and Draft Sessions Book X/250.

Mr. Dean delivered in a tender "for enclosing the Court House inside the iron doors, and providing double doors to several of the internal doors." Order that the consideration of the measure be deferred till the Easter Sessions, and in the meantime Mr. Pew to be applied to for an estimate and tender. Sessions Book V/190 and Draft Sessions Book X/252.

Report by the Clerk of the Peace, who had instructed Mr. Pemberton to survey and report upon Watford Bridge, that he had made his survey, but had not yet sent in his report. Order that, when the same is submitted to the magistrates for Watford, they are to have full power to act as they shall think necessary in the matter. On receiving Mr. Pemberton's report and estimate, it was ordered that the same be returned to him with a request that he would furnish it "more in detail," so as to enable the magistrates to advertise for tenders at the next Quarter Sessions. Sessions Book V/190-191 and Draft Sessions Book X/252.



The visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol report, *inter alia*, that there being no means at present of placing a prisoner in solitary confinement, they consider it necessary to have some place for this purpose, and recommend that a room be built under the roof of the gaol, which, by a specification furnished to them, can be done for the sum of £17 17s. 3d., the dimensions being 10 feet by 9 feet.

They regret to have to call the attention of the Court to the conduct of Mr. Cook, the gaoler. The mayor, Dr. Bowman and Mr. Searancke, considered it their duty to visit the gaol at 10 o'clock on the night of the 8th of December last, after the admission of five persons committed for a riot at Barnet, when they found the gaoler in a state of intoxication. Sessions Roll CLXXX/115, Sessions Book V/169 and Draft Sessions Book X/241.

Resolution that a sum not exceeding £20 be expended "in making a proper room at the gaol into a place for solitary confinement." Sessions Book V/169.

The Court enquired into the circumstances of the misconduct of Charles Cook, the gaoler. The Chairman reprimanded him, and the Court agreed to waive the representation of the case to the Marquis of Salisbury. Sessions Book V/169-170.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXX/126-127.

Order that the mayor, the Earl of Verulam, and certain justices (named), "form a committee, with full power to direct all alterations and improvements in the new Court House which may appear expedient, and to furnish and fit up the same." Sessions Book V/172 and Draft Sessions Book X/245.

Report of the Committee (the Mayor of St. Albans, J. F. Mason, George R. Marten, S. R. Solly, W. Thellasson and John Ryley) appointed to enquire into the liberty expenditure with a view of ascertaining whether any and what reduction can be made therein. The Com-



mittee suggests, *inter alia*, that a ledger as well as a cash book, should be kept, and that each item be entered therein under its proper heading; that it is a question whether the expense incurred by the attendance of constables at Barnet and Northaw fairs should be borne by those parishes and not by the liberty; that a revision be made in the charges of the Clerk of the Peace, as there has been a great increase in these charges between the years 1824, when they amounted to £77 7s. 0d., and 1830, when they amounted to £203 13s. 4d., and that he should in future be paid a fixed salary. It considers that the cost of prosecution and conveyance of prisoners is excessive, and attributes this partly to "the apparently unlimited allowance made by the clerk of the assize to the solicitors employed in prosecutions"; and that a scale of fees allowed to magistrates' clerks, witnesses and others should be of a fixed and definite nature. It desires "to impress upon the minds of the justices" the need of "the strictest economy," more especially "during the operation of the heavy tax upon the liberty for the New Town Hall." Sessions Book V/172-179 and Draft Sessions Book X/243-245.

#### EASTER SESSIONS. 1831.

Order adjourning to the next Sessions the representation to the justices, on behalf of the parish of Rickmansworth, in regard to a bridge over the river Colne, within the liberty of St. Albans, which is much out of repair. The representation, signed by James Sedgwick, surveyor of the highways for the hamlet of West Hyde in the said parish, states that the said bridge is situated on a road, near the western extremity of the said parish, leading to Harefield, in the county of Middlesex. The road is much frequented and of great use to the inhabitants of the western part of the parish and to the public generally.

It is not apparent by whom or at what date the bridge was originally erected, there having been a bridge

upon the spot from time immemorial ; but up to the year 1814, "it appears that the said bridge was repaired by the proprietor of the land through which the road, upon which the bridge is situate, passes ; since which date the bridge has not required any repair."

It has been ascertained that the road and the bridge were formerly private (except as a bridleway), and that a gate was placed at each end of the road, and a toll of one half-penny was taken for the privilege of a carriage or cart being allowed to pass. That about thirty years ago, the gate at the Rickmansworth end of the road was removed, and the practice of taking toll was discontinued. The gate at the Harefield end was not removed at the same time and was occasionally locked ; but, for the last fifteen or twenty years, the gate has not been locked, and the public have enjoyed full and uninterrupted use of the road and bridge, and the road has been kept in repair by the surveyor of the highways for the parish of Rickmansworth.

The bridge is built of timber, a carpenter has examined the state of it, and has estimated the expense or repair at about £10. The bridge and the road being now used by the public and of great public convenience, the petitioners consider that the expense of the repairs should be borne by the liberty of St. Albans. Sessions Roll CLXXXI/71-72, Draft Sessions Book X/258 and Sessions Book V/198-199.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXI/80-81.

Plan of proposed improvement in the lane at "The Chequers" at Redbourne. Sessions Roll CLXXXI/85.

Petition (dated 31 December, 1830) from the Commissioners of the Court of Requests for St. Albans to the justices, desiring to hold their Courts in the new Court House (see ante Epiphany Sessions). Sessions Roll CLXXXI/63.

Memorial (dated January, 1831) from the same Commissioners, in which they claim, as of right, to hold their Saturday Courts in the principal court room, or other suitable

place in the new Town Hall. They make this claim under the Act of 25 George II, by which they were appointed, and also under the Act for erecting the new Town Hall. Sessions Roll CLXXXI/65-66.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol. They have been obliged to order William Thomas and James Howes into "solitary confinement for one week, in irons, on account of their refractory conduct." Howes, being placed in the solitary cell lately built under the roof of the gaol, contrived to break out of the same, but did not effect his escape. They consider that the said solitary cell has been built in a very insecure manner, and they are dissatisfied with the work. For want of room in the gaol it is sometimes necessary to put debtors in the same apartment with convicted felons, and to avoid this, they suggest having a room made "on the top of the gaol, under the roof," for which there is ample space; this room should be appropriated entirely to the use of debtors. Sessions Roll CLXXXI/70 and Sessions Book V/195.

Order that the sum of £50 be allowed for the expense of conveying the site of the Court House, in addition to the sum of £50 allowed for the expenses of investigating the different titles of such site; and that the committee have power to apply to the next Sessions for such further allowance as the magistrates shall think proper to make. Draft Sessions Book X/257 and Sessions Book V/199-200.

Application made, and plan delivered in, for building a bridge near Redbourne Common; the same to be a liberty bridge. Order that the consideration of the matter be adjourned till the next Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/258 and Sessions Book V/199.

The audit of the treasurer's accounts for the expenses incurred in the building of the new Court House. The expenditure has so far amounted to £3,282 4s. 0d., and the treasurer has now a balance in hand of £1,013 10s. 0d. Draft Sessions Book X/258 and Sessions Book V/200.

Order that the treasurer pay to the Clerk of the Peace the sum of £18 15s. 2d., being the proportion to which this liberty is liable for staves of office, made at St. Albans, for the constabulary force of the county, including the liberty. Sessions Book V/200-201.

Resolved on a report from the Committee for transacting Liberty Business :—

(1) That the use of the grand jury room be allowed to the Commissioners of the Court of Requests for transacting their business (see ante).

(2) That, of the two tenders delivered in for the repairs of Watford Bridge (that of Mr. John Mitchell, of Watford, amounting to £430, and that of Mr. John Glover, of Hemel Hempstead, to £221), Glover's tender be accepted ; and that the Clerk of the Peace do enter into a contract with him accordingly ; the work to be done under the superintendence of Mr. Pemberton.

(3) That an advance of £300 be made to Mr. Dean on further account of his contract. Sessions Roll CLXXXI/69, Draft Sessions Book X/256-257 and Sessions Book V/196-197.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society, to be held at Leverstock Green, confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/260 and Sessions Book V/205.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace communicate with the Reverend Charles Porter, to the effect that the justices will require a further advance of £2,000 for the purposes of the new Court House ; £1,000 to be advanced at the next Adjourned Sessions, and the remainder within a short period. Draft Sessions Book X/260 and Sessions Book V/205.

At an Adjourned Sessions the fifth mortgage from this liberty to the Reverend Charles Porter, for securing £1,000, under the Act of Parliament for building the new Court House, was executed. Draft Sessions Book X/261 and Sessions Book V/206.

JOHN SNOW, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be once privately whipped and discharged. Sessions Book V/203.



## MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1831.

Henry Catling, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned for two weeks, and during that time to be twice privately whipped. Sessions Book V/218.

Order that a specification be obtained of the alterations at the gaol as recommended by the visiting justices in their report; and that tenders for the work be delivered in at an Adjourned Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/263 and Sessions Book V/212.

The bridge near Rickmansworth, referred to in the memorial presented at the last Sessions, "not appearing to be such a bridge as can be legally thrown upon the liberty," the Court declines to make any order for the repair of the same. Draft Sessions Book X/264 and Sessions Book V/214.

The Clerk of the Peace is again directed to apply to Mr. Smith for the chairs for the large room at the Court House, so that they may be received on Tuesday next. Draft Sessions Book X/272.

Execution of a mortgage to the Reverend Charles Porter for £1,000, being the sixth liberty mortgage on the new Court House. Draft Sessions Book X/273.

Order that Mr. William Bennett, of St. Albans, builder, be employed to make the alterations at the gaol, suggested by the visiting magistrates' report. Draft Sessions Book X/273 and Sessions Book V/224.

Report of the visiting justices. The prisoner, James Howes, who was sentenced to solitary confinement, attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself in his cell, but has recovered. They are of opinion that it would be desirable to build some new rooms in the gaol under the roof, which could easily be done, but will be attended with considerable expense: one of these rooms might be appropriated for debtors committed from the Court of Requests, and another is necessary for boys, there being at present no means of separating them from the other prisoners. Sessions Roll CLXXXII/116 and Sessions Book V/212.



Report of the Committee for transacting the liberty business.

They state (*inter alia*) that a bill for £106 4s. 11d. has been presented by the Town Clerk of the borough of St. Albans, in relation to the new Court House. They do not find that any of the charges were incurred under the authority of a liberty justice, but only on behalf of, or by direction of, the corporation and town committee, and submit the account to the justices to consider if the liberty is liable to pay any part thereof. Sessions Roll CLXXXII/117 and Sessions Book V/213.

Jury Lists. Sessions Roll CLXXXII/119-120.

“ Mr. George Lee Cane, who presented the plan and gave notice at the last Sessions of the building the bridge near Redbourne, and the intention of the parties erecting it to make it a liberty bridge, attended this Session and requested leave to withdraw the proceedings. The Court consents thereto, and declines all interference with the bridge.” Draft Sessions Book X/264 and Sessions Book V/214.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society, established at Rickmansworth, confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/272.

Memorial of Richard Dean, of Milner Terrace, New Cut, Lambeth, builder, addressed to the justices. He states that, before making his estimate, he was informed by the surveyor, that the “ scagliola ” work at the Town Hall and new Court House was not to be included in the tender, but that, when signing the contract, he was told that the remark of the surveyor was unauthorised and that the work must be included in his estimate, or the contract would be void. He had already expended large sums in collecting material for the building and had therefore to decide between the total loss on such material, as well as prejudicing his reputation as a tradesman, or signing the contract and undertaking to do the said work. He now humbly prays the justices that they would make him some extra allowance for the work. Resolved that the

consideration of this memorial be postponed to the next Quarter Sessions. Sessions Roll CLXXXII/115 and Sessions Book V/223.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1831.

Report from the chaplain of the gaol that the prisoners have conducted themselves at divine service with proper "decorum and attention," with the exception of two, "who appeared with blackened faces." Sessions Roll CLXXXIII/127 and Sessions Book V/229.

Report of the visiting magistrates that the room recommended to be made "in the roof at the gaol," for the confinement of debtors is completed. Sessions Roll CLXXXIII/129 and Sessions Book V/228.

Report of the Committee appointed to transact liberty business. They state (*inter alia*) that they leave the memorial presented by Mr. Richard Dean (see ante p. 247), claiming a sum over his original contract, to the decision of the magistrates in Quarter Sessions, but they remark that the whole of Dean's accounts have been carefully examined, and the balance due to him paid, and that the magistrates who examined those accounts did not see any necessity for taking his claim into consideration. Upon this report the magistrates unanimously resolve that there is nothing in the said memorial to entitle Dean to any additional payment beyond the amount of his contract. Sessions Roll CLXXXIII/130, Sessions Book V/229-230 and Draft Sessions Book X/280.

William Austin, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned for one month and to be once privately whipped before his discharge. Sessions Book V/237 and Miscellaneous Book IV/24.

Order that the keeper of the new Court House do not permit the use of any part of it, except for public business, without the consent in writing of the Mayor of St. Albans, and two other magistrates, or, in the absence or illness of the mayor, then of three magistrates, specifying the particular portion of the building and

the purpose and period for which such use shall be granted, which period shall in no case exceed from the day after the General Quarter Sessions for the borough, to the day before the following General Quarter Sessions for the liberty ; and in no case is the Court House to be so used during the days of the holding of the said Sessions, or when the magistrates or mayor shall require the entire use of the building for public purposes. Sessions Book V/231 and Draft Sessions Book X/280-281.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXIII/132-133.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1832.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol. Great injury arises to the health of the prisoners both on their discharge and during the time of their imprisonment, on account of the "entire preclusion from any exercise out of their wards during their imprisonment, except those confined in the lower cells at the gaol. They recommend that suitable airing yards should be made, and they would suggest that by divisions in some of the wards being made, the prisoners might be kept more apart than hitherto." Sessions Roll CLXXXIV/68 and Sessions Book V/247-248.

"Indictment found at this Sessions, for not repairing a public bridge in the parish of Rickmansworth." Draft Sessions Book X/288.

Consideration of a suggested alteration in the order for granting the use of the Court House (*vide ante* p. 248) to stand over until the next Adjourned Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/259 and Sessions Book V/249, 254.

Report of the Committee for liberty business:—That (*inter alia*) a bill has been presented to them from Mr. George Smith for his charges as architect at the new Court House ; the committee see "no particular objection" to it, but they advise that it should be left for the consideration of the Court. Sessions Roll CLXXXIV/69 and Sessions Book V/248.

The Clerk of the Peace is directed to write to Mr. Pemberton, the county surveyor, to attend at St. Albans, to take instructions for plans and specifications for building an airing yard at the House of Correction. Draft Sessions Book X/291 and Sessions Book V/254.

Refusal to recognize the accounts of Mr. Smalley (£182 12s. 6d.) for the grates, etc., supplied at the new Court House, and of Mr. Heath (£50 11s. 1d.) for fixing the same. The magistrates order that £200 be paid to the architect being the amount resolved upon to be expended in fitting up and supplying the building with stoves, etc. Draft Sessions Book X/292 and Sessions Book V/255.

Plans, etc., delivered in by Mr. Pemberton for the alterations at the House of Correction, and the same are adopted by the magistrates. The Clerk of the Peace is directed to procure from Mr. Pemberton a full specification, and advertize for tenders, for completing the said work, which are to be delivered in at the next Quarter Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/293 and Sessions Book V/254.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXIV/72-73.

Order made by certain justices, at a Special Sessions held at the office of Thomas Fellowes, in Rickmansworth, to divert and turn a certain part of a public footway, in the parish of Rickmansworth, lying between Rickmansworth and Scots Bridge, for the length of 235 yards 1 foot, commencing at or near certain cottages or tenements in the said parish, belonging to John Stacey, in the occupations of Edward Dines, James Webb, Thomas Norcutt and John Doggett, through a certain close called the Footpath Close, belonging to and in the occupation of William Caffall, and proceeding thence across a certain piece of ground called the Fortune, to the foot of Scots Bridge aforesaid, more particularly described in an annexed plan. The new public footway in lieu thereof, is of the length of 234 yards, and of the breadth of 4 feet, and commences and branches out of the old footway at or near the said cottages, and proceeds in a northerly direction over part of a certain enclosure



called Fortune Mead, proceeding thence in the same direction, and terminating at the end of the old and accustomed footway near Scots Bridge. The order is made upon the consent of the Honourable Sir Joseline Percy, K.C.B. (owner and occupier of the land through which the said public footway is to be diverted) to the said new footway being made through his land before described. Sessions Roll CLXXXIV/75-84, Draft Sessions Book X/288 and Sessions Book V/257-259.

Accounts for bricklayers, smiths, carpenters and glaziers work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/250.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1832.

Certificate of certain justices that the new footway in Rickmansworth has been completed, and order that the old footway be stopped up and vested in Sir Joseline Percy. Sessions Roll CLXXXV/171-172, Draft Sessions Book X/288, 295 and Sessions Book V/259.

Memorial from the justices to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on behalf of John Gilbert, a prisoner committed at the Michaelmas Sessions, 1830, for two years for felony, recommending him, on account of good behaviour, as a fit subject for discharge. Sessions Roll CLXXXV/176, 180 and Sessions Book V/265.

Report of the visiting magistrates that (*inter alia*) when the airing yard at the House of Correction is complete, they intend to make the yard at the gaol applicable to each of the wards on that side, which will enable all the prisoners under confinement to have air and exercise. Sessions Book V/265.

Tenders delivered in for making the proposed alteration and executing the works to be done at the House of Correction. The Court accepts that of Thomas Heath and Richard Pew, and orders the Clerk of the Peace to enter into the necessary contract. Sessions Book V/268.



Accounts for carpenters, and bricklayers work at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/270.

George Honvard, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned for one month, and during that time to be "once privately well whipped" before he is discharged. Miscellaneous Book IV/52 and Sessions Book V/274.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace be authorized to countersign the directions of Mr. Pemberton, dated the 21st of May, for two feet extra depth of brickwork to the foundation of the new boundary wall, at the House of Correction. Draft Sessions Book X/303 and Sessions Book V/276.

Rules and regulations of the Barnet Benevolent Union Society, held at The Cock Inn, at Barnet, confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/304 and Sessions Book V/277.

Order that no furniture or "fittings up" be, for the future, ordered for the new Court House, except at the General Quarter Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/296 and Sessions Book V/269.

Resolution that the order made in respect of the use of the new Court House be amended, and that two magistrates for the liberty and one for the borough have power to grant licences for such use. Draft Sessions Book X/298 and Sessions Book V/269.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXV/181-182.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1832.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine the liberty bills, etc. The report concludes with the recommendation that "considering the heavy responsibility" attaching to the office of high constable in the collection of the rate, and the great trouble given to the high constable therein, the salaries of the officials be increased from £6 to £10 per annum; this sum to include postage and all incidental charges. The recommendation is made by the Committee "although they are aware of

the incorrectness, on a strict point, of any payment being made" to the officers in question. Sessions Roll CLXXXVI/110 and Sessions Book V/282.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXVI/111-112.

Rules of the "Watford Female Benefit Society," held at Watford, confirmed. Sessions Book V/284 and Draft Sessions Book X/306.

Re-appointment of Mr. Richard Webster as surgeon to the gaol, at the same salary as last year. Draft Sessions Book X/306.

Order that the visiting magistrates of the liberty gaol be authorised to raise the wall (at the "lean to" of the airing yard, at the House of Correction, now being built) in such manner as they shall see occasion, and to have iron bars affixed at the windows where necessary. Sessions Book V/283 and Draft Sessions Book X/308.

Thomas Lee, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/287.

Richard Phelps, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for one month, and to be once privately whipped before he is discharged. Sessions Book V/287.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1832.

Letter from John Deayton, dated at the House of Correction, praying the magistrates to take into their consideration the erection of a coal-cellar and wood-house, as the shed formerly used has been pulled down for the purpose of making the "airing yard" for the prisoners. Sessions Book CLXXXVII/127 and Sessions Book V/306.

Report from Richard Webster, visiting surgeon, that he has examined the airing yard at the House of Correction, and considers it an improvement, and recommends that it should be paved with flag-stone. Sessions Roll

CLXXXVII/134, Sessions Book V/295 and Draft Sessions Book X/315.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXVII/140-141.

Confirmation of the rules and regulations of the Barnet Union Society, held at the Woolpack Inn, Barnet, for the "mutual relief of its members afflicted with sickness, lameness, blindness, or any such calamity, by which they are deprived of the means of supporting themselves and families." Sessions Book V/294 and Draft Sessions Book X/316.

Rules of the "Son of Peace Society," held at The Mitre, Barnet, for the mutual benefit of its members as above-said, confirmed. Sessions Book V/294 and Draft Sessions Book X/316.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace "get the roof and coping, where the wet comes into the Great Room," properly attended to and repaired. Sessions Book V/306 and Draft Sessions Book X/319.

Accounts for building and ironmongers work, done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/296.

Charles Blackbrow and William Davis, convicted of larceny ordered to be imprisoned for fourteen days, and during that time to be once privately whipped. Sessions Book V/299.

William Compton, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned for one day, and to be once privately whipped. Sessions Book V/300.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1833.

Order to divert and turn certain parts of a public highway called Longfoot Hill, lying in the parish of Rickmansworth; (1) a part, for the length of 300 yards, commencing and branching out of the Turnpike Road leading from Rickmansworth to Amersham—at or near the south-west corner of Rickmansworth Park, and proceeding in a northerly direction, by the fence of the

said park, to certain mills and premises called Loudwater Mills; and (2) another part of another public highway lying in the parish of Rickmansworth aforesaid for the length of 682 yards, commencing and branching out of the Turnpike Road near the west end of a certain enclosure called Longfoot Field, the property of James Hayward, esquire, and running in an easterly direction, between the same enclosure, the paddock of the said James Hayward and an enclosure of Mr. Thomas Weedon, called Mill Malm, at the south-easterly end of which said last mentioned enclosure it has its junction with the highway first hereinbefore described, which said parts of the said highways are more particularly described in a plan annexed.

One new highway is proposed in lieu of the said parts of the said two old public highways. This is of the length of 298 yards and of the breadth of 26 feet, and commences in the Turnpike Road leading from Rickmansworth to Amersham aforesaid, about 150 yards beyond the west end of the said park called Rickmansworth Park, and branches out of the same Turnpike Road near the south-easterly end of the said enclosure called Longfoot Field, and proceeds in a straight line and in a north-easterly direction across the said enclosure called Longfoot Field, and thence into and over part of the said enclosure called Mill Malm, and terminates near certain cottages (erected upon part of the said enclosure called Mill Malm) the property of the said Thomas Weedon. Plan. Sessions Roll CLXXXVIII/104-113, Sessions Book V/307-309 and Draft Sessions Book X/320.

Thomas Rock Shute, of Watford, who was summoned to serve on the grand jury, fined £5, for leaving the court before the business was finished or the grand jury discharged. Draft Sessions Book X/321 and Sessions V/311.

The magistrates in the neighbourhood of Colney Street are requested to ascertain what repairs are wanting to Colney Bridge, and the probable expense of carrying them out. Draft Sessions Book X/324-325 and Sessions Book V/317.



Notice is to be given, in "the circular" for the next Sessions, of the repairs necessary to be done at St. Michael's Bridge. Draft Sessions Book X/325.

Joseph Leach, Joseph Smith, and Charles Long, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for twelve months with hard labour, and, at the end of six months to be whipped; and Thomas Leach, on the same count, to be transported for seven years, this being his second conviction. Sessions Book V/315, 316 and Miscellaneous Book IV/103, 106.

Order that in the future the surgeon at the gaol and House of Correction, keep "a diary in the books at the gaol and House of Correction, shewing the prisoners in each from time to time unwell, with the particular nature of their complaints, and the extra diet or allowance ordered to each, and that no order continue longer than the Saturday after the making thereof, but if necessary shall be renewed on the Saturday in every week." Sessions Book V/316.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXVIII/100-101.

### EASTER SESSIONS, 1833.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the liberty gaol, that (*inter alia*) one of the prisoners, John Siers, attempted his escape, which he nearly accomplished; it being represented by the gaoler that the said prisoner was a desperate character, it was ordered that he should be placed in irons.

That the external wood-work of the House of Correction requires painting.

They also regret to report that the keeper of the gaol has lately twice entertained a party of "young persons," with music and dancing in the gaol apartments; "for which gross act of impropriety (connected as it was with another, said to have occurred at the same time and place), they have thought it necessary to reprimand him and forbid its repetition." Sessions Book V/338.



Charles Cooke, the gaoler, was called before the Court, and reprimanded touching his conduct alluded to in the visiting magistrates' report. "He acknowledged his error and engaged not to repeat it." Sessions Book V/339.

Order that one of the irons be taken off John Siers for a month, and at the end of that period his irons be wholly removed, provided his behaviour allows of it. Sessions Book V/340.

Recommendation to be made to the Treasury to remit the fine imposed at the last Sessions upon Thomas Rock Shute, of Watford. Draft Sessions Book X/329 and Sessions Book V/339.

An application made by Mr. Moore, on behalf of the lord of the manor of Rickmansworth, for an order to stop up the road leading from the town of Rickmansworth towards Batchworth, and from thence to Uxbridge, Pinner, Harrow and adjacent villages, during the erection of a new bridge over the river Colne at Batchworth aforesaid, was opposed by Mr. Tamlyn on behalf of the Trustees of the Turnpike Road leading over the said bridge, and was refused by the Court. Draft Sessions Book X/329-330 and Sessions Book V/339.

The painting of the Court House referred to the surveyor; if he thinks it is in a fit state to be finished, he is to give directions accordingly. Draft Sessions Book X/330 and Sessions Book V/340.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace be directed to ascertain whether the repairs done to the bridge at Kingsbury in 1790, or between that time and 1794, were done at the expense of the liberty. If it be found that the liberty bore the expense, then the said bridge is to be repaired under the direction of the magistrates residing in the St. Albans district. Draft Sessions Book X/334 and Sessions Book V/346.

Appointment of a Committee of magistrates with power to see to the completion of the painting, and to direct

all matters remaining to be done at the Court House.  
Draft Sessions Book X/334 and Sessions Book V/347.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CLXXXIX/86-87.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1833.

The consideration of the repairs to the bridge at Kingsbury, referred to the Adjourned Sessions. Draft Sessions Book X/336 and Sessions Book V/356.

Rules and regulations of the Union Benefit Society, held at Rickmansworth, confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/339 and Sessions Book V/355.

No person attending to support the statement made at a former Sessions, as to the repairs necessary to be done at Kingsbury Bridge, the magistrates dismiss the application. Draft Sessions Book X/341 and Sessions Book V/361.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol, that (*inter alia*) "the external woodwork at the House of Correction, as they have before reported, requires painting; for the execution of which it is necessary that an immediate order should be given." Sessions Roll CXC/82 and Sessions Book V/354.

Order that the visiting magistrates be authorized to have the painting at the gaol (*sic*) and House of Correction, mentioned in their report, done forthwith. Sessions Roll V/354.

The Clerk of the Peace delivered in a letter received by him from William Dines, esquire, lord of the manor of Rickmansworth, of which the following is a copy:—

"Sir,

#### BATCHWORTH BRIDGE.

As lord of the manor of Rickmansworth, I am about to rebuild this bridge, and I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether the county will take the bridge upon itself when rebuilt, and what course it will be necessary for me to pursue in order to effect that object. The bridge will be built either of wood

or iron, and in the most substantial way possible. Any information you can give me in this matter will much oblige, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,  
(Signed) W. Dines."

Resolved that the magistrates decline to interfere in the building of the bridge, or to recognize it when built as a liberty bridge. Draft Sessions Book X/336 and Sessions Book V/356.

Accounts for carpenters, plumbers and bricklayers' work etc., done at the gaol, House of Correction, Court House, and bridges (no details). Sessions Book V/357.

John Simmonds and William Adams, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned for one week and once whipped before discharged. Sessions Book V/359 and Miscellaneous Book IV/113.

Permit, signed by three justices, addressed to the keeper of the Court House, for Mrs. [Mr. ?] Martineau and others to use the council room as a reading room during the ensuing quarter. Dated 13 April, 1823. Sessions Roll CXC/1.

Similar permit for Mr. Whytock to use the grand jury room in the new Court House, "on the evening of Thursday next," for the purpose of delivering a gratuitous lecture on "the Relations of Numbers." Dated the 28th of May, 1833. Sessions Roll CXC/2.

Similar permit for the "Anti-Slavery Society," to have the use of the Court House on the 15th or 16th of April "inst." Sessions Roll CXC/3.

Similar permit for the "Ladies Clothing Society" to have the use of the magistrates' and grand jury rooms on the 6th of June "inst." Sessions Roll CXC/4.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXC/75-76.

Certificate that the new public highway in the parish of Rickmansworth, made in lieu of two old highways (*vide ante* p. 2 4), is properly made and fit for travellers, and it is ordered that the soil and land of the said old

highways be given to, and vested in James Hayward and Thomas Weedon. Sessions Roll CXC/85 and Sessions Book V/350-353.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1833.

Permit for the Trustees of the Blue Coat Charity School, to make use of the room appropriated to the Court of Requests in the Town Hall, for their annual meeting. Sessions Roll CXCI/23.

Similar permits for Mr. Burgess and the Committee of the Florists' Society to use the "Court House" on the 1st of August "next"; for the use of the "Court" for a meeting of the Missionary Society on the 11th of July, 1833; for the members of the Bible Society to use the "Court House" for their annual meeting on the 10th of July, 1833; and for the use of "the reading room to Peter Martineau, and the other subscribers thereto, for the ensuing quarter." Sessions Roll CXCI/24-27.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCI/147, 148.

Report of the visiting magistrates of the Liberty Gaol (*inter alia*) that there is some defect in the new wall built between the keeper's apartments and the press yard of the House of Correction, to remedy which will cost about £7, "if not provided for by contract." Sessions Roll CXCI/149 and Sessions Book V/363.

William Jones, convicted of larceny, ordered to be transported for the term of seven years. Sessions Book V/368 and Miscellaneous Book IV/121.

William Smith *alias* Francis Hearn, and William Thomas convicted of horse-stealing; ordered to be transported for life; evidence set out. Sessions Book V/369 and Miscellaneous Book IV/138-146.

Daniel Pope, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned for twelve months, and to be twice whipped during that time. Sessions Book V/369 and Miscellaneous Book IV/119.

Enquiries to be made of the Secretary of State, as to the removal of paupers born in or belonging to Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man, or the Scilly Isles; and (at an Adjourned Sessions) order that (under the Act 3 and 4 William IV, c. 40) they be removed to London and thence by sea, on board some of the "receiving ships" to the places specified in the orders for removal. Draft Sessions Book X/350-351 and Sessions Book V/374-375 and 377-378.

Rules and regulations of a benefit society, held at the Red Lion, at Elstree, confirmed. Draft Sessions Book X/343 and Sessions Book V/363.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1834.

Application of James Quilter Rumball, of the parish of St. Michael's, surgeon and apothecary, for licence to keep "a house and buildings at Oyster Hills, for the reception of lunatics." He states that he resides in the said house, and that fifteen is the greatest number of patients he proposes to receive. The Court grants the said licence, the greatest number of patients not to exceed fifteen, in which number no "parish patients" are to be included. Sessions Book V/385 and Draft Sessions Book X/354.

Order that Irish paupers, removed from the liberty to London. be conveyed to Ireland by the "London and Dublin Steam Marine Company's packets, to Dublin"; that Scotch paupers (similarly removed) be conveyed to Scotland by the "London and Leith Old Company's shipping packets, to Leith"; that Manx paupers (similarly removed) be conveyed by canal to Liverpool, and thence shipped to the most convenient port in that island; and that paupers belonging to the Scilly Isles be conveyed, by the vessels of the Company by which paupers are to be carried to Dublin, to Falmouth, and thence shipped to the most convenient port in those islands.

Further order that the parishes from which any such paupers are passed shall pay to the constables



conveying such paupers, on account to the liberty treasurer, the passage money according to the following scale :—

Irish paupers : If ten years old and upwards, £1 5s. 3d. each ; if of the age of one year and under ten, 17s. 9d. each

Scotch paupers : If twelve years old and upwards, 17s. 0d. each ; if one year of age and under twelve, 8s. 6d. each.

Irish paupers are to be delivered by the constables on board the “ Dublin and London Steam Marine Company’s packets ” lying off East Lane Stairs at Horseley Down, by 9 a.m. on Thursday or Sunday mornings, the boat hire conveying them on board being paid by the Company. Scotch paupers are to be similarly delivered on board the “ London and Leith Old Shipping Company’s vessels ” lying at the Leith and Berwick Wharf, Irongate, adjoining the Tower of London, one hour before high water, on the same days. The captains of vessels conveying paupers, and those who have charge of such paupers may “ restrain ” such paupers till arrival at their place of destination. No rate for the conveyance of paupers to the Isle of Man or the Scilly Isles is given. Sessions Book V/385-386 and Draft Sessions Book X/354.

Benjamin Roberts, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be transported for the term of seven years. Sessions Book V/391.

Report of the visiting justices, that (*inter alia*) the expense of iron bedsteads, suggested for the prisoners would be greater than the advantages to be derived from them. Sessions Roll CXCI/82 and Sessions Book V/384.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCI/84-85.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1834.

Order for the diversion of certain parts of the several highways hereafter mentioned.

(1) A certain part of a highway in the parish of Abbots Langley, leading from Abbots Langley towards Hemel Hempstead.

(2) Part of a certain highway in the said parish leading from "the turnpike road towards Leverstock," and

(3) Part of a certain highway in the said parish, leading out of the old highway No. 2.

Course proposed for the new highways is set out, and a plan is given. Sessions Roll CXCIH/159-168, Sessions Book V/397-399 and Draft Sessions Book X/360.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCIH/157-158.

Accounts for work done at the gaol, House of Correction, Holywell Bridge, and the Court House. Sessions Book V/406.

Richard Pursell, James Thompson, Thomas Robinson, James Gadbury, and William Farey convicted of larceny; ordered to be transported for terms of seven or fourteen years. Sessions Book V/410-411 and Miscellaneous Book IV/159-161.

Charles Durrant, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned for three months, and to be once whipped. Sessions Book V/410 and Miscellaneous Book IV/152.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1834.

Report of the visiting justices that (*inter alia*) "a great deal of extra food, such as gruel, meat, beer and tea, has been ordered by the surgeon to the prisoners, to the amount, during the last half year, of £35, over and above the usual prison allowance of bread, and they submit that some more economical plan for regulating this extra expense should be adopted." Sessions Roll CXCIH/107 and Sessions Book V/417.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCIH/121-122.

Richard Beech, convicted of felony, ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/421.

## MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1834.

In accordance with the Act 2 and 3 William IV, concerning the treatment of "insane persons," the Court appoints certain justices and medical men to be "visitors to the house of James Quilter Rumball, surgeon and apothecary, licenced for the reception of insane persons at Oyster Hills, in the parish of St. Michael." The Clerk of the Peace is to act as clerk to the said visitors, at a salary of £8 per annum. One guinea is to be paid to the medical man for his attendance at each visit. Sessions Book V/435 and Draft Sessions Book X/369.

Accounts for work done at the gaol, House of Correction, Colney Street Bridge and High Bridge. Sessions Book V/436.

James Howes, convicted of larceny; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V 441.

General Annual Report of the chief magistrate of the liberty and borough. Sessions Book V/443-445.

Rules and regulations of a Friendly Society, to be held at the Swan Inn at Rickmansworth, confirmed. Sessions Book V/446 and Draft Sessions Book X/374.

Amended rules and regulations of the Watford Savings Bank confirmed. Sessions Book V/446 and Draft Sessions Book X/374.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace pay Mr. Wharton, the contractor, for painting the Court House, the balance of his account, and for extra work done by order of Quarter Sessions. Sessions Book V/446 and Draft Sessions Book X/374.

Rules and regulations of a Benefit or Friendly Society, to be held at the "Spread Eagle," at Watford, confirmed. Sessions Book V/448 and Draft Sessions Book X/375.

The visiting magistrates informed the Court that the duties of the chaplain of the gaol had not been performed by the Reverend Henry Small for the last two Sundays; he had absented himself from St. Albans, and there

was no probability of his returning. Resolution that he be removed from his situation as chaplain, and that a successor be appointed. In the meantime the service to be performed by some competent clergyman of the established church. Sessions Book V/449 and Draft Sessions Book X/376.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCV/174, 175.

Estimate for bricklayers work to be done in repairing the bridge at Bushey Mill:—To repair the brickwork where wanted, the joints of coping with cement, the buttresses where wanted, and to clean all the brickwork and colour the outside, £5 8s. 9d. Sessions Roll CXCV/176.

Petition of Susannah, wife of John Deayton, keeper of the House of Correction, to the magistrates, that they will take into their consideration the allowance of a salary to her “as a matron,” for her waiting and attending on the females confined in the House of Correction at various times. The petition continues:—“For I do assure you, gentlemen, it is no very pleasant task to have to wait and attend on such a number of very unpleasant persons as they generally are. I have, gentlemen, more than once, laid myself up having to attend on them in their sickness, etc. I have for the last *twenty-four* years been their *slave*.” Sessions Roll CXCV/177 and Draft Sessions Book X/367.

Report of the Committee on Bills. They recommend that the sum of £5 be given to Mrs. Deayton for the extra trouble she has had during the last year as matron of the House of Correction, but they think a regular salary unnecessary. They state that the use of the Town Hall has, in some instances, been improperly granted, and that lately a meeting was held in the Court House which continued till a late hour at night. They submit that the building may receive much damage if such meetings are allowed indiscriminately, and recommend that an order be made by the Court to establish some restriction for the future. Sessions Roll CXCV/181, Sessions Book V/433 and Draft Sessions Book X/369.

Certificate by certain justices of the completion of the new highways in Abbots Langley (see Easter Sessions, 1834), and order for stopping up and selling the highways diverted and turned. Sessions Roll CXCV/184, Sessions Book V/429 and Draft Sessions Book X/370.

### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1835.

The Reverend W. Mogg Bowen, D.D., elected chaplain of the gaol and House of Correction, by a majority of the justices, over the Reverend Andrew Donald, clerk. Draft Sessions Book X/378 and Sessions Book V/453.

Licence granted to James Quilter Rumball, surgeon, to keep a house and buildings at Oyster Hills, in St. Michael's parish, for the reception of lunatics, the number not to exceed ten. Sessions Book V/451 and Draft Sessions Book X/378.

Accounts for work done at the House of Correction, the gaol and Frogmore Bridge (no details given). Sessions Book V/454.

James Smith convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned for one month, and to be once whipped before he is discharged. Sessions Book V/457.

Henry Carter, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned for a fortnight, and to be once whipped before he is discharged. Sessions Book V/458 and Miscellaneous Book IV/172.

Report of the visiting magistrates. They point out no order was made at the last Sessions (as recommended by them) for regulating the use of the Court House, which it was considered " had been unnecessarily allowed for meetings, unconnected with the purposes of the liberty." They now draw the attention of the Court again to the subject, and recommend that an order be made restricting the use of the said Court House for such meetings as are connected with the public welfare of the liberty, county or borough, or for charitable purposes, but that



no public meeting of any description be allowed to be held or continued in the Court after dark.

With reference to the appointment of a chaplain they suggest that, for the future, he should hold Divine Service in the gaol on each Sunday, and on Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and preach at least once on those days, and that he should accept no preferment which would interfere with his duties at the gaol. Sessions Roll CXCVI/106 and Sessions Book V/452.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCVI/109, 110.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1835.

Accounts of John Samuel Story, treasurer and receiver of the public moneys of the liberty, from Easter, 1834, to the present Sessions, perused and allowed. Sessions Book V/462.

Further accounts of the said John Story, with reference to the building of the new Court House, were perused and allowed. These accounts show that a balance of £1,272 0s. 7d. was in his hands when the last accounts were passed, and that he had since laid out several sums amounting to £60 (from which £20 had been repaid by the borough) leaving a net balance of £1,232 0s. 7d., in the hands of the said Mr. Story, which he is ordered to carry forward into the general account of the treasurer of the liberty. Sessions Book V/465 and Draft Sessions Book XI/4.

Appointment of a committee to order and direct such alterations and improvements in the kitchen at the Court House as they shall think necessary. Sessions Book V/465.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace procure all the deeds and writings relating to the new Court House and deposit the same among the records of this liberty. Sessions Book V/465 and Draft Sessions Book XI/6.

Order to pay the following accounts in relation to the new Court House :—

Thomas Wharton, painter ; extra work .. .. .	£21	14	1½
John Smalley, ironmonger .. ..	18	18	0
Thomas Heath, bricklayer .. ..	16	11	1
Clerk of the Peace ; his bill as to purchase of the site .. ..	9	9	2
Clerk of the Peace ; his bill for general business in relation to the building .. .. .	32	19	2
Clerk of the Peace ; balance of his account in respect of the conveyance .. .. .	194	0	6
John Samuel Story, treasurer, for keeping the accounts, etc. ....	30	0	0
Executors of Robert Nicholls, balance of purchase money ..	84	0	0
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TOTAL .. .. .	£407	12	0½

Sessions Book V/465 and Draft Sessions Book XI/5.

The Court altogether rejects the claim of Richard Dean, made some time since, for extra work alleged to have been done by him at the new Court House. Sessions Book V/466.

Accounts for glaziers and carpenters work, etc., done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/467.

Benjamin Erridge, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/468.

Samuel Sharp, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for three months, and during that time to be twice privately whipped. Sessions Book V/469.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCVII/65-66.

Order that Mr. George Smith be employed to survey the kitchen, at the Court House, and adjacent offices, and prepare a plan for enlarging the kitchen and making

it available to all the purposes of banqueting, with an estimate of the expense, and to deliver in the same at the next Sessions. Draft Sessions Book XI/7.

The petition on behalf of Richard Purcell, sentenced to fourteen years transportation, for some remission of the same, is unanimously rejected. Draft Sessions Book XI/8.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1835.

Report of the visiting magistrates that (*inter alia*) "some necessary repairs in the House of Correction have been ordered." Sessions Book V/476.

Rules and regulations of the Benefit or Assurance Society, to be held at the Swan Inn, Rickmansworth, allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book V/477 and Draft Sessions Book XI/10.

Account for bricklayers and builders work, etc., done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book V/478.

James Claig, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book V/480.

Robert Coleman, convicted of larceny ; ordered to be imprisoned for one week in solitary confinement, and to be once severely whipped before discharge. Sessions Book V/480 and Miscellaneous Book IV/176.

Complaint of William Brunt, of Chipping Barnet, currier. Shows that one Benjamin Harrison was bound to him by contract for four years, to serve him as "an artificer and handicraftsman," in the business of a currier, and that by the said agreement, the said Benjamin Harrison also contracted that his eldest son, Benjamin Harrison, should serve the said Brunt for such term and upon such conditions as were therein contained. Benjamin Harrison the elder, having been guilty of absenting himself from service without leave, and of other misdemeanours, among them drunkenness and using abusive language. An order is made dis-

charging him from the said contract. Sessions Roll CXCVIII/83-84, Sessions Book V/473 and Draft Sessions Book XI/9.

Order to stop up, as unnecessary, certain footpaths in the parish of Watford.

No. 1 a footway running over and along certain lands in the said parish, of the breadth of 18 feet on a medium; beginning at a certain close called the Dell, on, or held with, Wiggenhall Farm, at the outer margin of the footway now used by the public, near to the curve, or bend in the hedge of the gardens in the occupations of Joseph How and John Wiggs, labourers, and extending thence to a stile leading out of the said close into a certain other close on the said farm, called the Groves and Crofts, and thence over, through, and along the said close called the Groves and Crofts to a certain gateway leading into another close of meadow land, part of the said farm called Wiggenhall Farm, and also over and along the said last mentioned close towards and near to the farmyard, part of Wiggenhall Farm aforesaid, and thence branching off on the south-west over part of the same close, and ending in a certain road leading from Wiggenhall Bridge to Hamper Mill Lane.

No. 2, a public footway branching off from the said last-mentioned footway on the north-west near to the said farmyard, and running over, through and along a certain enclosure now used as a stack-yard, and also over, through and along a certain garden, and also another garden called the flower garden, the said gardens respectively being in the occupation of Christiana Turner, widow, and also over, through and along a certain other close, of the breadth of 18 feet on a medium and ending in the said road leading from Wiggenhall Bridge to Hamper Mill Lane.

No. 3, a certain footway branching off from the first-mentioned footway on the north-west, near to the said farmyard, and running over and along part of the same close, and over, through and along a certain

garden in the occupation of Jonathan King, gentleman, and also over, through and along a certain close, being a plantation, and also over, through and along another close being an orchard, and through and along the before-mentioned garden, in the occupation of the said Christiana Turner, and through and along a certain other garden near to the cottage there in the occupation of Joseph Wilson, of the breadth of 18 feet on a medium and ending in the said road leading from Wiggenhall Bridge to Hamper Mill Lane. Plan attached. Sessions Roll CXCVIII/98-108, Sessions Book V/473-475 and Draft Sessions Book XI/9.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCVIII/96-97.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1835.

Estimate by J. M. Gilbertson and William Petley for lighting the Court House with gas. The estimated expense of fitting four lights on brass pillars, one on each side of the chairman's seat and one at each end of the semi-circle by the jury boxes, to be connected with lead pipes from the pipes in the hall, and fitted with the necessary union joints, etc., complete, will amount to £12. Sessions Roll CXCIX/153.

Report of the visiting magistrates that (*inter alia*), they have ordered some trifling repair to the roof of the gaoler's house to be executed forthwith. Referring to a circular, dated the 12th of October, from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, they submit the propriety of adopting the regulations therein recommended as far as practicable without incurring "any material expense in providing additional sleeping cells, or in altering the construction of the prison." They suggest adopting some better mode of employment for such prisoners as are unable, from bodily infirmities, to be placed on the wheel and recommend the purchase of a quantity of junk "for such prisoners to pick into oakum," upon which the female prisoners, when not occupied in household work, might also be employed, if sentenced to hard labour. Sessions Roll CXCIX/158 and Sessions Book V/488.



Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CXCIX/159-160.

Order to divert and turn a certain part of a highway lying between Colney Butts and Holywell Farm, in the parish of Watford, of the length of 461 feet, over certain uninclosed land thereto adjoining, and by the side thereof and through lands belonging to George, Earl of Essex, near thereto, and part of Harwoods Farm in the said parish of Watford, of the length of 455 feet, and of the breadth of 20 feet, so as to make the same nearer and more commodious to the public. Plan attached. Sessions Roll CXCIX/161-171, Sessions Book V/486-487 and Draft Sessions Book XI/13.

The accounts of the "lunatic asylum" audited and allowed. Draft Sessions Book XI/17.

Appointment of certain justices and "medical men" as visitors to the house of James Quilter Rumball, surgeon and apothecary, licenced for the reception of insane persons, at Oyster Hills in the parish of St. Michael's. Sessions Book V/489 and Draft Sessions Book XI/15.

Letter from George Watlington, esquire, to the Clerk of the Peace, to be laid before the justices, resigning his position as chairman of the Quarter Sessions. Sessions Book V/493 and Draft Sessions Book XI/15.

Letter, signed by the magistrates, in answer to the above, expressing their sincere regret at the proposed resignation. Sessions Book V/494-495 and Draft Sessions Book XI/15.

Account for painters work done to the gaol and House of Correction, for work at the new Court House and for ironmongery provided. Sessions Book V/496.

Frederick Cooper and William Austin, convicted of larceny; and "found to have been, each of them, before convicted of felony," ordered to be transported severally for the term of fourteen years. Sessions Book V/500.

William Fowler, convicted of larceny; ordered to be imprisoned for six months and to be once privately whipped before he is discharged. Sessions Book V/502.

Order that the following rules be added to the rules and regulations of the gaol and House of Correction, viz :—

“That the use of tobacco be entirely prohibited.”

“That convicted prisoners be not permitted to receive visits or letters from their friends during the first six months of their imprisonment, unless under peculiar or pressing circumstances.”

The Clerk of the Peace is to transmit a copy of the existing rules and regulations, together with those now adopted, to the Secretary of State in compliance with the request contained in his circular letter. Sessions Book V/503 and Draft Sessions Book XI/18.

The Court accepts J. M. Gilbertson's tender (£12) for lighting the Court House with gas. The said sum is to include everything “except the supply of gas when burnt, which it is mutually agreed upon shall be charged and paid for after the rate of one penny per hour for each burner.” Sessions Book V/507 and Draft Sessions Book XI/18.

John Finch Mason, esquire, elected chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the liberty, on the resignation of George Watlington, esquire. Sessions Book V/512.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1836.

The licence for James Quilter Rumball, to keep a house for the reception of lunatics, is renewed. Sessions Book VI/3 and Draft Sessions Book XI/24.

Order that a strong iron wire guard be put to the paling of the room in which the prisoners are confined at the Court House during the Sessions, so as to prevent the “introduction” of liquors or other things to the prisoners. Sessions Book VI/7 and Draft Sessions Book XI/25.

Order that the charge against Charles Cook, for supplying the prisoners with liquors during the Sessions, be enquired into at the next Adjourned Sessions. Sessions Book VI/8 and Draft Sessions Book XI/26.

Report of the visiting magistrates (*inter alia*) that a plank roofing which had served to protect part of the treadmill from the weather, and which had become altogether decayed, had been replaced by the new work of the same material. The said magistrates are strongly impressed by the evidence before the committee of the House of Commons regarding gaol discipline, and are desirous that the system of solitary confinement and silence should be introduced into the prison, if practicable. They mention the subject as "a mere suggestion" at present, which they would be glad to offer to the Bench in a distinct form on some future occasion. Sessions Roll CC/140 and Sessions Book VI/4-5.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CC/144-145.

Certificate by the justices that the highway lying between Colney Butts and Holywell Farm, in the parish of Watford, commencing at the point from whence the said road has been diverted and turned, at the end of the garden there, in the occupation of Ann Broad, widow, and ending at the point where the new road joins the old highway, being of the length of 461 feet and of the breadth of 17 feet on a medium, ordered to be diverted at the last Michaelmas Sessions has been diverted and turned to their satisfaction. Plan. (See Michaelmas Sessions last.) Sessions Roll CC/130-139, Sessions Book VI/2 and Draft Sessions Book XI/23.

Letter from John Deayton, to the chairman of the Quarter Sessions :—

" Sir,

My wife presented a petition at the last Quarter Sessions to you, and the magistrates for the liberty of St. Albans, praying you would take into your consideration a remuneration for the trouble and attendance on the females committed and convicted to the House of Correction for the last twelve months, and you said it was then too late as the report was then given in. I should hope now, sir, you will

please to consider it at this Quarterly Sessions, as you can form no idea the attendance and attention is wanting on such as are generally committed, they being the worst of characters and are subject to all manner of diseases and disorders which require a great deal of care and attention." Sessions Roll CC/128 and Draft Sessions Book XI/25.

At an Adjourned Sessions the magistrates took into consideration a suggestion made for some alteration in the chairman's seat and other parts of the magistrates' bench at the Court House, but do not think the same necessary. Sessions Book VI/8 and 16 and Draft Sessions Book XI/26 and 30.

Resolution that the Clerk of the Peace take the opinion of some eminent counsel at the Bar, upon the interpretation of the Municipal Corporations Act, in reference to the existing arrangements and connection between the Borough of St. Albans and this liberty, and otherwise on points in doubt affecting both or either jurisdiction, and that the expense thereof be borne in the proportions of two-thirds by the liberty and one-third by the borough. Sessions Book VI/18 and Draft Sessions Book XI/32.

Rules and regulations of a Benefit Society, to be held at the "Mad Tom," Redbourne, confirmed. Sessions Book VI/7 and Draft Sessions Book XI/26.

Rules and regulations of a Loan Society, to be held at the Vicarage, Aldenham, confirmed. Sessions Book VI/7 and Draft Sessions Book XI/26.

The conduct of Mr. Cook, the gaoler, was taken into consideration, and the magistrates were unanimously of opinion that he is entirely unfit to perform his duties. A complaint was also made that Charles Cook, the younger, "introduced" beer to the prisoners at the last Sessions, without any sanction for doing so, and the chairman is requested to communicate with the Marquis of Salisbury asking that the subject may have his immediate attention. Sessions Book VI/17 and Draft Sessions Book XI/29.



Application by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for the use of the Petty Jury Room and the cells below as a police station. The Court grants the same, except upon the days of the Quarter Sessions, or when that room may be required by the magistrates or by the Clerk of the Peace. Sessions Book VI/17 and Draft Sessions Book XI/30.

Order that Mrs. Deayton be paid the sum of £5 for services rendered to the female prisoners committed to the House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/5.

Letter from George Watlington, esquire, in reply to the address voted and sent to him on his resignation as chairman at the Quarter Sessions. Sessions Book VI/5.

Accounts for work, etc., done at the gaol and House of Correction, including plumbers, carpenters and blacksmiths work. Sessions Book VI/9.

Notice to be given, in the circular for the next Sessions, of a proposition by petition to Parliament or otherwise to "merge" the liberty in the county. Draft Sessions Book XI/31.

Correspondence with the Marquis of Salisbury, on the subject of the removal of Mr. Cook, the gaoler, considered. Sessions Book VI/18 and Draft Sessions Book XI/32.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1836.

Accounts for work, etc., done at the gaol and House of Correction, including millwrights', glaziers and carpenters work. Sessions Book VI/27.

John Goodman, John Odell, Joseph Theed, Edward Humphrey, George Low, John Rogers, Thomas Heathcote, and Thomas Durrant, all convicted of larceny; ordered to be transported for the term of seven years. Sessions Book VI/31-32.

William Rolls and Thomas Spicer convicted of larceny; the former to be imprisoned for six months, the last fourteen days to be spent in solitary confinement, and during his imprisonment to be three times privately



whipped. The latter to be imprisoned for twelve months, the last month to be spent in solitary confinement. Sessions Book VI/33.

James Brown and Thomas Lawrence, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for two months, the last fortnight thereof to be spent in solitary confinement. Sessions Book VI/34.

John Allingham, convicted of larceny ; to be imprisoned for two months, and during that time to be once privately whipped. Sessions Book VI/35.

Resolution that all payments to Charles Cook, as gaoler or keeper, be discontinued after Midsummer Day next. Sessions Book VI/37.

A claim from the county of Hertford, for the maintenance of liberty prisoners committed for trial in the County Gaol, was laid before the Court. Order that it be referred to the Committee for examination of accounts to report thereon at the next Quarter Sessions, and that the Clerk of the Peace, in the meantime, ascertain the nature of the offences for which the said prisoners were committed and the special reason for their commitment to the County Gaol. Sessions Book VI/38.

John Godman appointed high constable, in the place of Thomas Godman his father, who had resigned. Sessions Book VI/25 and Draft Sessions Book XI/34.

The visiting magistrates are authorized to make the necessary alterations in the airing-yard at the House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/26 and Draft Sessions Book XI/34.

Resolution that a committee of magistrates (named) should be formed to consider the propriety of adopting some plan for remedying the inconvenience at present existing, occasioned by the limited and exclusive jurisdiction of the liberty of St. Albans ; that three be a quorum, and that the assistance of the clerks to the magistrates be invited. Sessions Book VI/35 and Draft Sessions Book XI/37.

Upon consideration of the account of Charles Cook, gaoler, the Clerk of the Peace is directed to communicate to the Marquis of Salisbury, the unanimous wish of the magistrates that he will remove the said Cook and appoint a successor. Sessions Book VI/26 and 35 and Draft Sessions Book XI/35 and 38.

“The case laid before Sir William Follett, with his opinion thereon, and a letter received from the Secretary of State, were laid before the Court. Order that the Clerk of the Peace write to the Secretary of State, requesting that a conference may be had with the Solicitor and Attorney General and Sir William Follett, upon the subject of the difficulties existing, and that the late and present chairmen of the Quarter Sessions and the Clerk of the Peace attend such conference, and that the assistance of the Town Clerk, on the part of the council of St. Albans, be requested.” Sessions Book VI/38 and Draft Sessions Book XI/40.

Report by two justices, that they made an order on 20th March last past, under the provisions of the Act of 9 George IV, Cap. 40, for the confinement of William Lane, a person found wandering about in the parish of St. Peter, appearing to be of unsound mind and a fit person to be confined in the house of James Quilter Rumball, at Oyster Hills, St. Michaels, being a house licensed for the reception of insane persons. Sessions Roll CCI/175, Sessions Book VI/37 and Draft Sessions Book XI/36.

Report of the visiting magistrates that (*inter alia*) the discipline of those under sentence of hard labour has been improved by the introduction of oakum picking, in addition to the tread-wheel. Under the present arrangements, every prisoner undergoing his sentence, and not on the sick list, works eight hours *per diem*, i.e., two hours at the wheel and six at the oakum. They report the escape of a prisoner from the House of Correction which was effected by mounting the roof, and, there being a sloping roof on the outside of the wall, he was enabled to descend without difficulty.

They consider this roof affords considerable facility for escape, and strongly recommend that the opinion of a surveyor be taken as to the best means of remedying the evil which they apprehend will not be attended with any material expense. Sessions Roll CCI/176-177 and Sessions Book IV/20-21.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCI/178-179.

### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1836.

The Clerk of the Peace communicated to the Court the answer received from the Secretary of State to his application for a conference between Sir William Follett and the Attorney and Solicitor Generals upon the subject of the difficulties experienced in the working of the Municipal Corporations Act, in conjunction with the Act of Parliament for building the new Court House, and the arrangement hitherto acted upon between the borough and liberty. The Government declined being a party to, or bound by such conference, or to bear any portion of the expenses attendant upon it, and that in consequence, no such conference has been held. Sessions Book VI/44 and Draft Sessions Book XI/44.

Accounts for work done at the House of Correction and gaol, including blacksmiths, whitesmiths and ironmongers work. Sessions Book VI/45.

George Bow, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned for six months, and to spend the last fortnight in solitary confinement. Sessions Roll CCII/91 and Sessions Book VI/49.

George Williams, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for twelve months, the first and last fortnight in solitary confinement. Sessions Roll CCII/96 and Sessions Book VI/49.

John Chapman and James Chambers, convicted of felony, ordered to be transported for seven years. Sessions Book VI/48.

Appointment of David Arnold (hall keeper) to attend the magistrates at the several Quarter Sessions and Petty Sessions at St. Albans and at all other times when his services may be required, at an annual salary of five pounds. Sessions Book VI/50 and Draft Sessions Book XI/47.

The Clerk of the Peace is directed to inform the Secretary of State of some alterations being necessary at the yard of the House of Correction, to insure the safe custody of the prisoners, and to ask if such alterations are to be delayed until the inspector of prisons, appointed by the government, shall have made his visit. Sessions Book VI/50 and Draft Sessions Book XI/47.

Mr. George Smith attended the Sessions, "in consequence of the falling of the cornice of the ceiling in the Great Room at the Court House, and he undertook on the part of himself and Mr. Dean, the builder, to reinstate the same at their own expense." Sessions Book VI/52.

Resolution that Mr. George Smith be instructed to inspect the remainder of the building, and be authorised to rectify any defects he shall find at the expense of the liberty, the same not to include any repairs in the Great Room. Sessions Book VI/53 and Draft Sessions Book XI/49.

Report of the visiting justices that, *inter alia*, there have been one or two instances of refractory conduct amongst the prisoners which were soon reduced to obedience on the application of punishment within the power of the visiting magistrates. While the prisoners sentenced to transportation were awaiting the order for removal, information was received of an intention to attempt to liberate them; measures were taken for increased security, and eventually they were safely lodged on board the receiving hulks. This circumstance is mentioned chiefly with a view of calling the attention of the Bench to the very insecure construction of the press yards; that of the gaol has the disadvantage of immediate contiguity with the churchyard, which



enables persons outside to throw over knives and files, provisions or letters to the prisoners; and that of the House of Correction, by its internal structure, affords the prisoners great facility of escape.

William Harvy, a prisoner, escaped on the 18th of June, through the carelessness of the son of the gaoler when opening the cells in the morning. No precaution had been used to bolt the outer of the two doors of the press yard and the key had been allowed to remain in the inner, and the said prisoner availed himself of the opportunity and has not been heard of since. They draw the attention of the Bench to the correspondence which has passed between Lord Salisbury and the Chairman concerning the dismissal of Cook. In June he was removed to Hertford Gaol for debt, where he will remain till the 2nd of August, and the whole of his family continue to occupy the gaoler's apartments though wholly unfit to perform his duties. The said visiting magistrates have placed the keys in the hands of the assistant-keeper, with directions that one of his own family shall sleep on the gaol side of the building, but at the same time they feel great uneasiness under a sense of their own responsibility and the danger to which the prison is continually exposed. Sessions Roll CCII/103-104 and Sessions Book VI/41-42.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCII/112-113.

Order that the Clerk of the Peace shall extract, "from the Order Books for the last ten years, the various instances of Cook's misconduct (with their several dates) which have called for the reprehension of the magistrates, to include the late instance of carrying beer to be introduced to the prisoners at the Quarter Sessions, and his drunkenness and misconduct." As the Marquis of Salisbury, in his letter of the 11th instant, recognizes the right of the magistrates to fix the amount of salary of the gaoler subsequent to his appointment, they have no difficulty in taking the same into their consideration, and think that for the present the salary for a competent person should remain, as heretofore, at £80 per annum.



Further order that a letter be written to the Marquis of Salisbury, informing him that the gaoler has claimed possession of the prison keys, which of necessity had been placed in the hands of the assistant-gaoler during the former's recent imprisonment for debt, and requesting him to communicate to them his wishes in regard to their future custody, the magistrates being unwilling to take upon themselves the responsibility of returning the keys into the hands of a person they consider so unfit to hold them. Draft Sessions Book XI/54-55 and Sessions Book VI/ 6, 57.

The Court regrets that the Marquis of Salisbury, as "hundreder" of the liberty, has not yet appointed a gaoler to the liberty gaol, and orders the Clerk of the Peace to acquaint his lordship with the inconvenience arising from the delay, and to request him to appoint a gaoler in succession to Cook at his earliest convenience; and at the same time, to assure his lordship that the resolution passed at the Easter Sessions (to which it is understood his lordship has made objection) was not intended in any way to question his right as "hundreder" to appoint whom he pleased to the office of gaoler, but was passed as a matter of course, in order to give Cook timely notice, because it was understood from the correspondence between his lordship and the chairman that the former had, at that time, assented to Cook's dismissal.

The Court disclaims any intention of giving offence to Lord Salisbury, but considers itself empowered to fix salaries and allowances, and subject to such conditions as shall seem meet for the keeper of the gaol and other officers, and to alter, amend, reduce, suspend or stop salaries as occasion shall require.

Finding that some difficulty as to the appointment has arisen in consequence of the magistrates' recommendation of Deayton, the keeper of the House of Correction, to the office of gaoler, they withdraw this recommendation, which was made solely with the view of remedying the inconvenience of having two officers :

they did not wish to influence his lordship's choice upon the occasion by any suggestion from themselves. Sessions Book VI/51-52 and Draft Sessions Book XI/50-52.

Resolution, at Adjourned Sessions, that the Clerk of the Peace communicate with the Marquis of Salisbury, requesting his immediate attention to the resolution of 6th April and to the fact that the gaol had been without a resident gaoler since 28th May, when Charles Cook was arrested for debt. Sessions Book VI/52 and Draft Sessions Book XI/48.

Letter from the Marquis of Salisbury to the Clerk of the Peace, in which he acknowledges the receipt of a letter enclosing resolutions passed at an Adjourned Midsummer Sessions, and drawing attention to a previous resolution of 16th of April, calling for the removal of Charles Cook from the office of gaoler. The letter continues :—

“ The resolution of the 16th of April states no reason for his dismissal, but that of the 23rd of July appears to intimate his absence from the gaol and imprisonment for debt to be the cause of the demand made by the Court. I must request you, therefore, to state to the Court the necessity of an especial charge being made against Cook, upon which I may call upon him for his defence, if any, and, if expedient, discharge him. I must also request that the Court will state what salary they propose to allow to his successor under the provisions of the 4th George 4th, C. 64, which the Court will see is absolutely necessary to be signified before a successor can be engaged.” (Signed) “ GASCOYNE SALISBURY..”

Sessions Book VI/55.

Resolution that after the correspondence which has passed between the Marquis of Salisbury and the Chairman of Quarter Sessions on the subject of the appointment of a gaoler, the magistrates regret that his lordship should thought it expedient to hesitate in making the appointment, the necessity of which they conceived had been

recognised in their correspondence and in the letter of his lordship's legal adviser of the 12th instant. They refer to Mr. Mason's letter of 2nd February for the specific charges against Cook, and to the fact of his having been reprimanded by the Court on five previous occasions, some of which were brought before his lordship as the ground of the resolution of 16th April. While the magistrates fully recognise the right of the "hundreder" to appoint the gaoler, they as fully maintain for themselves the privilege of fixing the amount of the salary, after the appointment has been made, and cannot therefore consent to the requisition to fix a salary in the first instance, which would render their privilege "completely nugatory." They are also of opinion that the Act referred to by his lordship does not apply to the case of the liberty of of St. Albans.

Order that copies of the above resolutions be sent to his lordship, soliciting his early appointment of a gaoler. Sessions Book VI/55-56.

Resolution at Adjourned Sessions that Mr. Deayton be desired to retain the keys of the gaol until further communication shall be received from the Marquis of Salisbury. Sessions Book VI/58 and Draft Sessions Book XI/55.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1836.

Appointment of the same visitors to the lunatic asylum at Oyster Hills "as last acted," with the addition of Mr. Nicholson. Draft Sessions Book XI/59.

Notice of an application to Parliament for the proposed Act for altering the limits of the liberty and county, to be given by the Clerk of the Peace. Draft Sessions Book XI/59.

The accounts of the Clerk of the Peace in reference to the lunatic asylum at Oyster Hills were examined, and the balance of 17s. 6d. due to him was ordered to be paid. Draft Sessions Book XI/61.

George Stapleton, the younger, convicted of uttering counterfeit coin, sentenced to transportation "for the term of his natural life." Sessions Roll CCIII/138.

Robert Bigg, convicted of larceny, sentenced to transportation for seven years. Sessions Roll CCIII/141.

Licence granted to John Wilson, of Watford, licensed victualler for keeping a house called the "Spread Eagle" in Watford, for the "performance of music." The application for the licence reads as follows:—

"Mr. Moore—to move for a music licence for John Wilson, of the Spread Eagle Inn, Watford

The young tradesmen of Watford have lately subscribed and purchased brass musical instruments and formed a band which is found highly agreeable to the inhabitants, but to enable them to practise, it is necessary for them to meet together on certain days in the week for that purpose. The applicant's room is very commodious and suitable for the occasion and the Watford Bench of magistrates have expressed their approval of its being used for that purpose, but Mr. Wilson is desirous of obtaining a licence to prevent any harassing informations." Sessions Roll CCIII/148, Sessions Book VI/68 and Draft Sessions Book XI/58.

Report of the visiting magistrates that, *inter alia*, the Marquis of Salisbury has been pleased finally to appoint Deayton, the governor of the House of Correction, to succeed Cook as keeper of the gaol, as soon as the necessary repairs have been carried out; the apartments now vacated by Cook will be occupied by Deayton.

"An unusual degree of expenditure" has been applied to the building during the last quarter. First, it has been necessary that a passage in the House of Correction, connected with the governor's apartments, should be entirely removed, and a window and door thus laid open be increased to the requisite strength. The facility of escape which this passage afforded to the prisoners in the gaol had already been noticed in former reports. Secondly, that a window in the gaol, of which the frame had been nearly forced out by two convicts, has been repaired. "In both instances the visiting magistrates were not forgetful of economy while they were anxious to effect security, and they trust that the improved custody of the prisoners will be



considered to justify the expense that has been incurred." Sessions Roll CCIII/156 and Sessions Book VI/68-70.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCIII/157-158.

Report of W. M. Bowen, chaplain of the prison. Calls attention to the extremely good conduct of the prisoners at their devotions in chapel during the last year, and to their close attention to the service, delivering the responses, as directed by the rubric, "in a very grave and orderly manner." Sessions Book VI/70.

Letter from the Marquis of Salisbury, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution passed by the magistrates of the liberty of St. Albans, "together with copies of the entries of misconduct on the part of Charles Cook." In consequence of this resolution he has discharged him from the office of gaoler.

"Lord Salisbury at the same time submits to the consideration of the magistrates whether, in pity to his advanced age and long service, which unfit him for any new occupation, they would deem it right to make him some small allowance."

The Marquis concludes by stating that he has appointed Deayton to succeed Cook. Sessions Book VI/72.

General annual report of the chief magistrate of the liberty. Sets out that "owing to the usually crowded state of the prison it has been found impracticable to observe a due classification of the prisoners committed thereto."

The Quarter Sessions for the borough having ceased "because of the Municipal Corporations Act," the arrangement, hitherto existing between the justices of the peace for the liberty and the justices of the peace for the borough, touching the custody and maintenance of the prisoners, has terminated.

Charles Cook, the late keeper of the gaol, has been removed from his situation for irregularity of conduct, and John Deayton, the keeper of the House of Correction, has been appointed in his stead, "it having been thought expedient to unite the two situations in the same person." Sessions Book VI/80-82.



## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1837.

William Timson, Henry Beech, George Smith, George Giles, William Davies and Thomas Hart, convicted of larceny, all to be transported for seven years, with the exception of Davies, who is to be transported for life. Sessions Roll CCIV/23, 33, 36 and 37 ; and Sessions Book VI/91-92.

Ezekiel Atkins, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for a week, and once whipped before discharge. Sessions Roll CCIV/35 ; and Sessions Book VI/93.

Report of the Committee appointed to treat with the justices for the county of Bedford for providing for the paupers and criminal lunatics of the liberty of St. Albans, in the county lunatic asylum at Bedford.

That on the 7th of November last they met the committees of justices for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire at the lunatic asylum at Bedford, when the following resolutions were agreed to, subject to the approbation of the respective Courts of Quarter Sessions.

(1) " The county of Bedford to fix a price *per head per* week for each lunatic pauper from the county of Hertford and liberty of St. Albans, to reimburse the County of Bedford for rent.

(2) " The county of Bedford to fix a price *per week* at which that county will undertake all other expenses for the quarter ending Midsummer, 1837.

(3) " The joint counties to defray the other expenses in the subsequent quarters, and to divide the expense among the different parishes in the shape of a weekly rate, as is now done by the county of Bedford.

(4) " The joint Committee recommend to their respective counties that the experiment shall be made for one year."

The Committee refer to the resolution of the Court of Quarter Session for the county of Bedford, held on the 2nd of December, whereby it was agreed:—

“ That the sum of one shilling and six pence *per* week be the amount fixed for rent for the paupers and criminal lunatics from the county of Hertford and liberty of St. Albans, and that seven shillings *per* week be the sum fixed for maintenance for the quarter from Lady Day to Midsummer, 1837.”

The committee strongly recommend that the offer of the Bedfordshire justices be accepted. Sessions Roll CCIV/136 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/63 ; and Sessions Book VI/86-87.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCIV/142-143.

Report of the visiting magistrates that, *inter alia*, they have made the following additional regulations for the economy of the prison, which are entered in the Order Books bearing date the 20th of November, 1836 :—

“ The different compartments of the building may be used indiscriminately for prisoners committed to the gaol or House of Correction, and they are to be divided into the following classes :—

- 1st. Men convicted and under sentence of hard labour.
- 2nd. Men convicted but not sentenced to hard labour.
- 3rd. Men committed for trial.
- 4th. Male debtors.
- 5th. Deserters.
- 6th. Females under sentence.
- 7th. Females for trial.

But any one or more of them to be separated from the others if circumstances render it desirable.

Boys, and cases not mentioned above, to be classed at the direction of the gaoler.

All the prisoners to be entirely clothed with the gaol clothing, and passed to their respective classes immediately on their being received into the gaol.” Sessions Roll CCIV/137 ; and Sessions Book VI/85-86.

The usual license granted to J. Q. Rumball for keeping a house for the reception of lunatics. Draft Sessions Book XI/62 ; and Sessions Book VI/85.

Ordered that the following be added to the rules and regulations at the gaol and House of Correction, and that a copy be

forwarded to the Secretary of State for his approval:—  
 “That prisoners and convicts sentenced to transportation be allowed to receive visits from their friends upon orders to be obtained from any one magistrate for this liberty.”  
 Draft Sessions Book XI/66; and Sessions Book VI/95.

The Committee appointed to meet the committee of magistrates for the county of Hertford in reference to the “junction” of the two jurisdictions, stated to the Court (through Mr. Mason) that several meetings had taken place, but that they had not been able to agree upon any report which they could present, and that no arrangement was likely to be effected. Draft Sessions Book XI/66; and Sessions Book VI/95.

Accounts for, *inter alia*, carpenters, blacksmiths and millwrights’ work done at the gaol and House of Correction, and also for work done at Colney Street Bridge and Hunton Bridge (no details of work given). Sessions Book VI/88.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1837.

Thomas Sears and James Cordery, convicted of larceny, each to be imprisoned for one month, and to be once publicly whipped before being discharged. Sessions Roll CCV/100; and Sessions Book VI/106.

Certificate by the visiting magistrates for the removal of Ann Ebbs, a prisoner in the House of Correction, to the work-house or infirmary, on account of her being afflicted with an offensive ulcer. Sessions Roll CCV/114.

Report by the visiting surgeon that he has examined the gaols of the liberty and borough, and that they are free from contagious or infectious disorders. The diseases that prevailed amongst the prisoners since the last report were rheumatism, inflammatory fever, and more recently influenza, attended in many cases with severity. The only death that has occurred is that of John Williams, who was in a bad state of health when committed. Sessions Roll CCV/115.

Report of the visiting magistrates that, *inter alia*, “the prison has been visited by the ‘prevailing epidemic.’ It first appeared

on the 5th of January. The total number affected up to this day amounts to seventy-five, the greatest number at one time in the infirmary being forty-one. It has been gradually subsiding, and there are at present only two under its influence. The most regular attention has been paid by the medical officers, and the invalids, on enquiry, have already expressed themselves thankful for the care and kindness of the gaoler, but notwithstanding, it caused the death of one prisoner, George (*sic*) Williams, under sentence in the House of Correction. The fatal termination of his case is attributed to the shattered state of constitution under which he had been labouring from the day he entered the prison. He died on the 28th of January, and very satisfactory evidence was adduced at the inquest on his body, that no care was wanting which might have averted the sad result. He was buried on the 31st, in the churchyard of the Abbey.

Orders have been given for whitewashing and cleaning the rooms, under the hope that it will be the means of expediting the final disappearance of the disease." Sessions Roll CCV/116 ; and Sessions Book VI/93-99.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCV/118.

The Reverend Charles Porter made a formal application to the magistrates at this Sessions for payment of the arrears of his mortgage. Draft Sessions Book XI/69; and Sessions Book VI/100.

Ordered that a sum of £6 be paid to Mrs. Deayton for her extra attendance upon the prisoners during the late extensive illness. Draft Sessions Book XI/70; and Sessions Book VI/101.

Rules and regulations of the Barnet Benevolent Union Society held at the "Cock Inn" at Barnet examined and allowed. Draft Sessions Book XI/71; and Sessions Book VI/106-107.

The amended rules and orders of the Benefit or Assurance Society held at the "Swan Inn" at Rickmansworth examined and allowed. Draft Sessions Book XI/71; and Sessions Book VI/107.



The demand made upon the magistrates of this liberty by the Reverend Charles Porter, through Mr. French his solicitor, for payment of the arrears of his mortgage debt charged upon the rates of the borough, which, since the Municipal Corporation Act, have ceased to be separately assessed, was taken into consideration. Resolved that Mr. Porter be left to prosecute his claim at law, in order that the magistrates may have the authority of the Court of King's Bench or other competent tribunal for what they do, and resolved also that every facility be afforded in order that the question at issue may be brought to a decision with the least delay, and at the least expense. The magistrates are alive to the hardship of Mr. Porter's case, he having advanced the money on the faith of his mortgages, and regret the difficulties in which he is placed by the obscure state of the law. Draft Sessions Book XI/72; and Sessions Book VI/107-108.

Resolution that the assessment of the liberty rate be postponed until the decision upon Mr. Porter's case is obtained, and that to meet the balance now due to the treasurer, and the accruing expenses of the liberty, the sum of £500 be borrowed for three months, the chairman to give security for the same in his name, and be indemnified for so doing by this liberty. Draft Sessions Book XI/73; and Sessions Book VI/108.

A letter from Mr. Winter to the chairman relative to the rent of the room in which the magistrates hold their Petty Sessions at Barnet was read, and it was resolved that the consideration of the case be postponed. In the meantime enquiry is to be made "into the usages in other places, and the necessity for the expenditure." Draft Sessions Book XI/73; and Sessions Book VI/108.

Resolution that £5 *per annum* be allowed to the clerk of the justices at Chipping Barnet, to defray the expenses of the hire of a room at that place for the holding of the petty sessions, and the sum of £10 *per annum* in the like manner for the same purpose be allowed to the clerk of the justices at Watford. Draft Sessions Book XI/74; and Sessions Book VI/109.



Resolution, at an adjourned sessions, that, in order to meet the expenses of the liberty, a further sum of £500 be borrowed at £5 *per cent.* interest, the chairman to give security for the said sum in his name and be indemnified for so doing by this liberty. Draft Sessions Book XI/75; and Sessions Book VI/109.

Order that George Martin, a prisoner in the Liberty Gaol, found to be insane, be removed to the Lunatic Asylum at Bedford. Draft Sessions Book XI/75; and Sessions Book VI/109.

Order that the repairs to the pump and well at the gaol be done, according to the estimate delivered in by Mr. Kent, amounting to £38. Draft Sessions Book XI/75; and Sessions Book VI/110.

Accounts for (*inter alia*) carpenters, stonemasons, smiths and bricklayers' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/101-102.

The proceedings contemplated by the Reverend Charles Porter in the prosecution of his claim for the payment of the arrears and future instalment of his mortgage debt, charged upon the rates of the borough, not having been taken, resolved that the question of the levy to be made for the current year be suspended until the next general quarter sessions. Sessions Book VI/110.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1837.

Sarah Smith, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned for four months with hard labour, the last fortnight to be spent in solitary confinement. Sessions Roll CCVI/62; and Sessions Book VI/122.

Robert Coleman, Thomas Spicer and James Blake, convicted of an assault upon Thomas Gravestock, to be imprisoned in the House of Correction and kept to hard labour for two years, the last month to be spent in solitary confinement. Sessions Roll CCVI/63; and Sessions Book VI/122.

George Picket, convicted of larceny, to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CCVI/66; and Sessions Book VI/121.

George Reading and Ezekiel Atkins, convicted of sheep stealing, to be transported for the term of their natural lives. Sessions Roll CCVI/68 ; and Sessions Book VI/121.

William Webster, convicted of larceny, to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CCVI/70 ; and Sessions Book VI/121.

Report of the Visiting Magistrates that (*inter alia*) "the health of the prisoners is re-instated ; all traces of the influenza having passed away." Sessions Roll CCVI/179 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/78 ; and Sessions Book VI/113.

The Clerk of the Peace reported that, in pursuance of a rule served, calling upon the justices for this liberty to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue, commanding them to pay to the Reverend Charles Porter the sum of £267 17s. 10d., for interest and instalments of principal upon the sum of £3,850 borrowed for building the New Court House, the case had been fully argued in the Court of King's Bench by the Attorney General and Mr. Amos, for the Rev. Charles Porter, and by Sir William Follett and Mr. Ryland, for the justices, and that the court had made the rule absolute. Resolved that the said mandamus should be immediately obeyed and that in order to meet the said arrears and all other claims, a rate of 6d. in the pound be levied. Draft Sessions Book XI/78-79 ; and Sessions Book VI/114-115.

Accounts for (*inter alia*) bricklayers and blacksmiths' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/117-118.

Order that the Treasurer of the public moneys belonging to the liberty, do pay to the magistrates for the county of Bedford £2 19s. 6d., being the amount of their account allowed at this sessions for the care and maintenance of George Martin in the Lunatic Asylum in the county of Bedford sent there from the gaol of this liberty. Sessions Book VI/126.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1837.

Joseph Keady, convicted of larceny, to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CCVII/71 ; and Sessions Book VI/136.

John Andrews, convicted of larceny, sentenced to the House of Correction for three months with hard labour, during which time he is to be twice privately whipped. Sessions Roll CCVII/74; and Sessions Book VI/139.

George Wootton, Joseph Jackson and John Belcher, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for one month with hard labour, and each of them to be once privately whipped before discharge. Sessions Roll CCVII/76; and Sessions Book VI/139.

Report of the Visiting Magistrates, that (*inter alia*) on the 29th of July, 1837, four prisoners committed for trial made their escape by gaining access to the chapel, possessing themselves of the ladder which is kept there for the purpose of communicating with the press-yard, and by its help scaling the press-yard wall. Three of the four were recaptured the same day, but William Cook, committed on the 24th of July for feloniously entering a dwelling-house, remains at large.

Measures were immediately adopted for increasing the security of that part of the building at a moderate expense, by improving some of the fastenings, "and especially by substituting for the coping of the yard wall several courses of loose bricks." Sessions Roll CCVII/194; and Sessions Book VI/128.

"A music and dancing licence was granted at the last Michaelmas quarter sessions for this liberty, to Mr. John Wilson of the 'Spread Eagle' Inn, Watford, and he is desirous of having the same continued. He has a noble room, well adapted for the purpose, built at a very great expense by the late Peter Clutterbuck, esquire; the house has been kept in a very proper manner and a certificate has been signed by the inhabitants residing near to or adjoining the said Inn, and they are desirous of having the same continued." Licence granted for one year. Sessions Roll CCVII/196; Draft Sessions Book XI/83; and Sessions Book VI/128.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCVII/198, 199.

It appearing to the court that the magistrates for the Borough exercise the right to hold special sessions within the

borough for licensing alehouses, appointing surveyors of the highways, hearing appeals against the Poors Rates, and such like purposes, contrary, as it seems to this court, to the spirit and meaning of the several Acts of Parliament relating to the same, and to the tenor of their commission ; it is resolved that the opinion of the Liberty Magistrates be communicated to the Borough Magistrates with a view to their taking the subject into their consideration and communicating with the Liberty Magistrates at their adjourned sessions. Draft Sessions Book XI/83-84 ; and Sessions Book VI/130-131.

The Watch Committee for the borough under the Municipal Corporations Act, having questioned the right of the justices for the liberty to employ the borough constables beyond the limits of the borough, it was resolved that the magistrates for this liberty are of opinion that they have such right by law, and that such resolution be communicated to the committee above referred to. Draft Sessions Book XI/84 ; and Sessions Book VI/131.

The Town Clerk of the borough attended and communicated to the Court a direction he had received from the corporation, to submit a case for the opinion of counsel upon the questions arising under the Municipal Corporations Act, in reference to the jurisdiction of the magistrates for the Borough, and that such opinion when procured shall be laid before the magistrates for this liberty. Draft Sessions Book XI/87-88, 90 ; and Sessions Book VI/143, 145.

The Municipal Corporations Act having given to the magistrates for this liberty jurisdiction within the borough, the clerk of the peace is directed to intimate to the chairman, previous to the next quarter sessions, a request that he will make notification thereof in his address to the grand jury, in order to make the same more publicly known. Draft Sessions Book XI/89 ; and Sessions Book VI/143.

Resolution that a Committee be appointed to take such immediate steps as they shall deem advisable for warming and drying the Court House, temporarily, and that they report at the next adjourned sessions upon the best mode of warming it



permanently. The committee was authorised to expend a sum of £50. Draft Sessions Book XI/89, 91; and Sessions Book VI/143, 145.

The Clerk of the Peace laid before the court the returns made to him under the Act 9 George IV, cap. 40, from several of the parishes and places in this liberty, of all "lunatics and dangerous idiots within the same," but several of the parishes being in default, it is ordered that the clerk of the peace take the necessary steps for getting in the returns from such parishes, and afterwards make an abstract of the return for the use of the committee appointed to communicate with the Bedfordshire magistrates in this respect. Sessions Book VI/129-130.

Accounts for (*inter alia*) carpenters, glaziers and bricklayers, work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/132.

John Callaghan and Joseph Lee committed to the Liberty Gaol for a misdemeanour, ordered to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for one year, the last month to be spent in solitary confinement.

Further convictions of the said Callaghan and Lee. Sessions Book VI/137.

William Cook, Thomas Bedford and William Chambers, convicted of larceny to be imprisoned for two years, one month in each year to be spent in solitary confinement. Sessions Book VI/138.

Rules and regulations of the Friendly Societies to be held at the "Rose and Crown" Inn, Saundridge, at the "Rose and Crown," St. Michaels, and at the National Schools at Abbots Langley, allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book VI/146-147.

The amended rules of the following Societies allowed and confirmed:—The Female Benefit Society held at Watford; a Friendly Society held at the "Spread Eagle" at Watford; and a Benefit Society held at the "Plough," Elstree. Sessions Book VI/147.



## EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1838.

William Rolls and Frederick Cockle, convicted of felony, and having been previously convicted of the same offence are ordered to be transported for the term of their natural lives. Sessions Rolls CCVIII/168, 173; and Sessions Book VI/166.

William Peat, John Bentley, James Ward, Joseph Davison Edward Brown and John Eames, convicted of felony and larceny, ordered to be transported for various terms of years. Sessions Roll CCVIII/170, 175, 176; and Sessions Book VI/166.

Frederick Cockle, committed to the House of Correction for nine months, and during that time to be once publicly whipped, on a market day, in the Market Place of St. Albans. Sessions Roll CCVIII/174.

Report of the Visiting Magistrates (*inter alia*) that they regret to report another death, *i.e.* of Mary Hudson, aged 55, who was committed from Watford as a vagrant. She was removed to the House of Correction on the 11th of December, and died on the 13th. An inquest was held and the depositions showed that she was brought to the prison in a state of great incapability, arising from illness or intoxication, and that the medical officer did not see her till after death, the reason for which, as assigned by a fellow prisoner, was that she desired that he might not be called in. The journal of the House of Correction shows that the Medical Officer visited the prisoners generally on the 12th. The condition in which she was brought to the prison, and the omission to provide medical assistance, are points which seem to call for some enquiry.

The said magistrates beg also to refer to the case of Joseph Lee, aged thirteen, convicted at the last Michaelmas Sessions of uttering base coin and sentenced on two indictments to two and a half years' imprisonment. Since he received his sentence he has behaved with propriety, but there is every reason to believe that he is so implicated with coiners that when his imprisonment expires he will

return to his lawless occupation. There is an establishment at Hackney Wick, conducted by Captain Brenton, R.N., which has for its object the protection of destitute youths and the reclaiming of juvenile offenders of both sexes, having in connection with them an establishment at the Cape of Good Hope, where they are sent in process of time, and in most instances become useful members of society. A certain sum is paid on entrance, about £15, and it is probable that the said Lee would be received into the asylum, if remission of his sentence were granted for that purpose. Sessions Roll CCVIII/194-195; and Sessions Book VI/169-171.

Report of the Visiting Magistrates concerning the complaints against the gaoler which had been referred to them for their investigation. Sets out (1) with regard to the death of a female vagrant in the House of Correction, without medical aid having been called, it appears that, except for the fact that she was suffering from the effects of intoxication, the gaoler was not aware that she was in need of medical assistance, but that he reported her to Mr. Webster. The investigations show that the gaoler's daughter, who acted as matron of the prison, has not been sufficiently attentive to the female prisoners.

(2) With regard to his having been absent an unnecessary length of time while taking prisoners to the hulks at Chatham, the gaoler states that on his arrival in London he became indisposed.

(3) With regard to his having failed to furnish a check upon the supply of bread, the gaoler admits neglect, but pleads ill-health.

(4) With regard to his having handed over certain articles (supposed to have been stolen) to a friend of one of the prisoners, the gaoler pleads that the police officer told him that the magistrate had given permission for his so doing. Sessions Roll CCVIII/186-187; and Sessions Book VI/177-179.

George Childs, Theodore Lee and Jane Cook, committed to the House of Correction for three weeks, six weeks and twelve

months respectively, the last week to be spent in solitary confinement. Sessions Roll CCVIII/181-182; and Sessions Book VI/168.

Rules and regulations of two Friendly Societies, to be held at the "Falcon" at Park Street, and at the "Chequers" at Richmond, allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book VI/156; Sessions Book XI/93.

Resolution that a Committee be appointed to memorialise Parliament or the Home Department, for relief on the part of this liberty from that portion of the mortgage debt of the Reverend Charles Porter which was originally charged upon the rates for the Borough of St. Albans. Sessions Book VI/158; and Draft Sessions Book XI/94.

Memorial of the justices for the liberty of St. Albans, to Parliament, or the Home Department. Sheweth:—

(1) That an Act of Parliament was passed in 1829 whereby the justices of the said liberty were empowered, in conjunction with the then justices of the borough and the Mayor and Corporation of the same, to build a new Court House within the borough; and it was enacted that the expenses of the said building should be borne in certain proportions by the liberty and borough, the amount to be raised by borrowing money upon mortgage of the rates of the respective jurisdictions.

(2) That accordingly a sum of £9,000 was borrowed by the justices of the liberty, and £3,350 by the justices of the borough of the Reverend T. Porter, the interest to be paid at 5 *per cent.* and the principal paid off at 4 *per cent.* on mortgage.

(3) That at the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act, the sum of £2,641 5s. 0d. remained due to Mr. Porter from the Borough.

(4) That by this Act, the jurisdiction of the Borough justices, in regard to so far as the holding of any Quarter Sessions and the power of levying rates in the shape of county rates, was "annihilated."

(5) That in consequence of the Borough justices being deprived of their quarter sessions, the justices of the liberty

were obliged to try the prisoners of the Borough at the quarter sessions of the Liberty.

(6) That no provision having been made in the new Corporation Act to enable the justices under that Act or the Corporation, to pay the just debt of the borough, the mortgagee was obliged to apply to the Court of King's Bench for a mandamus to compel the justices of the liberty to pay the arrears due to him of principal and interest since the passing of the Act.

(7) That a mandamus consequently issued from the said court, which the justices of the liberty thought it right to submit to, rather than incur any unnecessary law expenses.

(8) But your memorialists feel convinced that his late Majesty's government could never have contemplated such an act of injustice being inflicted upon the inhabitants of the liberty as obliging them to pay the debts due from the borough, and that some plan may be recommended to her Majesty's ministers to relieve the inhabitants of the liberty from so heavy a burden as that to which they have been subjected by an error or oversight in framing the Act of Parliament.

(9) The memorialists remind those addressed that the liberty of St. Albans forms about one-fourth part of the county of Hertford, and that the onus which, if dispensed over the whole county (as perhaps intended by the Act) would have been trifling, falls "very heavy" upon so small a jurisdiction. Sessions Roll CCVIII/191-192; and Sessions Book VI/171-173.

Letter dated at Whitehall, 28 February, 1838, and addressed "to the justices of the liberty of St. Albans."

"Gentlemen,—I am directed by Lord John Russell to acknowledge the receipt of your memorial, and to acquaint you with reference to that part of it in which you state that you have been subjected to the burthen of paying the arrears due on a mortgage debt in consequence of an alleged error or oversight in passing the Municipal Corporation Act, and praying that the Government will deliver



you from such burthen, that Lord John Russell having considered your memorial cannot perceive that such a burthen can be referred to any defect in the provisions of that Act. Lord John Russell further directs me to add that, in his opinion, there is no ground for charging the debt on the county of Hertford. (Signed) Thos. Phillips." Sessions Roll CCVIII/193; and Sessions Book VI/175.

Letter, dated at St. Albans, 4 January, 1837 (*sic*), from Mr. William Ablett to the chairman of Quarter Sessions, requesting him to submit the application referred to in the following order to the consideration of the magistrates, and to communicate their decision forthwith.

Court of Requests for the town and borough of St Albans, held at the Court House, 25 November, 1837.

Order that the clerk of this court, apply to the liberty justices, requesting them to direct that a fire should be lighted at the Court House in the room appropriated for the business of this court, for the use of the commissioners during their sitting at the said court on Saturday in every week, so long as the state of the weather may render such accommodation necessary. Sessions Roll CCVIII/196-197; and Draft Sessions Book XI/95.

Certificate by certain justices that the newly diverted footway from the footbridge across Chesham stream, in the parish of Rickmansworth, along Solesbridge Lane, and terminating at the end of that lane, is now complete and is nearer than the old by 160 yards 6 inches. Plan attached. Sessions Roll CCVIII/198-203; Sessions Book VI/153-155; and Draft Sessions Book XI/93.

Letter to the chairman of the quarter sessions, as follows:—

"Sir,—At an inquest lately held at Watford, on view of the body of a woman, a stranger, who accidentally fell into the river at the bottom of the town, near the Fellmonger's Yard, and was drowned, I was requested by the jury, not exactly to present, but rather to represent to the magistrates for the liberty, *upon whom the repair of the bridge in question devolves*, the dangerous and insecure state of the approach



to the bridge, on either side, for the want of a sufficient fence.

“ It was stated to me that a great many accidents have happened at the place in question, some of which have terminated fatally. I should observe that the spot complained of lies within the legal distance of one hundred yards from the foot of the bridge.

(Signed) Fras. J. Osbaldeston.”

Ordered that the letter be referred to the magistrates acting for the Watford division of the liberty. Sessions Roll CCVIII/204 ; Sessions Book VI/157 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/95.

Certificate by certain justices that they have viewed the public bridleway lying partly in the parish of Bramfield and partly in the parish of Stapleford, leading from Stapleford to Bramfield, which it is proposed to stop up as unnecessary, and also five other public footways or bridleways leading out of the same. They propose to divert the first mentioned bridleway so as to terminate near to Bramfield Church. They consider that the other footways and bridleways may be stopped up as unnecessary. Plan attached. Sessions Roll CCVIII/207-216 ; Sessions Book VI/148-153 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/93.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCVIII/217, 218.

Letter from the Town Clerk, containing the resolution of the Watch Committee on the subject of the liberty justices employing the police constables of the borough, together with a copy of the question submitted to the Attorney General, and of his opinion. Sessions Book VI/158-159 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/94.

A like letter produced touching the power of the Borough justices to hold special sessions for certain purposes. Sessions Book VI/160-161 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/94.

Accounts for carpenters, glaziers and blacksmiths' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/162-163.

Resolution that the clerk of the peace be directed to take the necessary steps for securing the validity of the insurance on the Court House, some extra risk having arisen by affixing two stoves therein. Sessions Book VI/171; and Draft Sessions Book XI/99.

The case which was laid before the Attorney General by the corporation, together with his opinion thereon, in reference to the present jurisdiction of the borough of St. Albans, and the powers of its justices and authorities, were read.

The court is of opinion that the magistrates, sitting in petty sessions for the St. Albans Division of the Liberty, ought to include, in their notice of special sessions to be held under the Parochial Assessment Act, all the parishes within the borough of St. Albans. Sessions Book VI/171; and Draft Sessions Book XI/100.

Order that the bills of Mr. Pew and Mr. Smith, for alterations in the court, etc., be referred to Mr. George Smith for his examination. Draft Sessions Book XI/99.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1838.

John Horn, convicted of felony, to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CCIX/40; and Sessions Book VI/195.

George Lawrence, convicted on three separate counts, of theft, ordered to be imprisoned for three weeks, and "to be twice whipped privately" before he is discharged. Sessions Roll CCIX/48; and Sessions Book VI/197.

Report by the Committee appointed for the liberty, that they have visited the Lunatic Asylum at Bedford, and met the Committee of Magistrates of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, and that it was at such meeting agreed to recommend the respective jurisdictions to continue the payments for the maintenance of lunatic paupers, upon the terms already settled, until some other arrangement (which is in contemplation) to reduce the expenses, can be made. Sessions Roll CCIX/171; and Sessions Book VI/200.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCIX/174, 175.

Recital of order, made at the last sessions, concerning the stopping up of a bridleway leading to Bramfield and the making of a new bridleway ; and certificate by two justices that they have viewed the new bridleway and find the same completed and put into good condition and repair. Sessions Roll CCIX/177-178 ; Sessions Book VI/180-181 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/103.

Recital of order, made at the last sessions, concerning the diversion of a footway in the parish of Rickmansworth, and the making of a new footway in lieu thereof ; certificate by two justices that they have viewed the new footway and find the same complete and put into good condition and repair. Sessions Roll CCIX/179-180 ; Sessions Book VI/182-183 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/104.

Appointment of Joseph Hilliard, of the borough of St. Albans, writer, as crier of this court, at a salary of £5 per annum. Sessions Book VI/191.

Licence granted to James Quilter Rumball, of the parish of St. Michael, surgeon, to keep a house at Oyster Hills for the reception of lunatics. Sessions Book VI/199 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/107.

Rules of a Benefit Society, held at the " Green Dragon," in the parish of Elstree, allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book VI/200 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/107.

A claim from the county of Hertford, for maintenance of prisoners in the County Gaol, committed from parishes within the liberty, amounting to £61 7s. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. was laid before the court, and it appearing that out of the fourteen commitments contained in such account, six have been for punishment upon summary conviction, or for offences triable at sessions and dealt with accordingly by county magistrates, who have not qualified as justices for this liberty, the court rejects the same. The remaining eight cases, appearing to have been commitments for offences within this liberty, sent for trial at the assizes, this court (without admitting the right of the county to call upon this liberty for repayment) adopt a portion of the said claim for the maintenance of the last mentioned prisoners amounting to £7 8s. 4d. and orders the treasurer of the

public moneys belonging to the liberty to pay the same. Sessions Book VI/200-201 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/108.

Accounts for bricklayers, carpenters and stonemasons' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/202.

Application by Jeremiah Deayton, one of the inspectors of weights and measures, for directions as to the seizure of the measures used by sellers of milk, if found incorrect. The magistrates were unanimously of opinion (with the exception of Dr. Bower) that they were liable to be seized, and not exempt by the Act of Parliament. Draft Sessions Book XI/108.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1888.

Daniel Dell and John Weedon, convicted of petty larceny, to be imprisoned for one day and whipped before discharge. Sessions Roll CCX/125 ; and Sessions Book VI/211.

John Cripps and George Leeson, convicted of sheep-stealing, to be transported for the term of ten years. Sessions Roll CCX/137 ; and Sessions Book VI/211.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCX/163, 164.

Accounts (*inter alia*) for carpenters and bricklayers' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/207.

John Horn, convicted of felony in Easter Sessions last, died in gaol before his removal from St. Albans (*see ante* Sessions Roll CCIX/40 ; and Sessions Book VI/195). Sessions Book VI/214.

Rules and regulations of a "Humane and Friendly Society," held at the "Three Tuns" at Nash Mills, in the parish of Abbots Langley, confirmed and allowed. Sessions Book VI/215.

An amended claim from the county of Hertford, for the maintenance of prisoners committed from parishes within the liberty, was laid before the court and the same taken into consideration by the magistrates; but they see no reason for altering the decision come to when the former claim was



made, and the clerk of the peace is directed to communicate their decision to the magistrates for the county, and to accompany the same with a copy of the items of allowance made upon such former occasion. Sessions Book VI/215; and Draft Sessions Book XI/112.

Report of the Committee appointed to take steps for warming and drying the Court House. "That from the best information they were able to obtain from architects and others on the subject, they came to the conclusion that Dr. Arnott's stoves were the most suitable for the purpose as being both economical in the first instance and as affording a constant and regular heat with a very small consumption of fuel." They therefore have had two of these stoves placed in the Court House, the total expense of which has been twenty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and fourpence, and they have every reason to believe the result will be satisfactory to the court. The following are the bills they recommend should be discharged—Messrs. Huxley & Co. £19 13s. 8d.; James Webb, bricklayer, £2 6s. 7d.; Charles Owen, carpenter, £2 4s. 1d.; and Richard Manlove, tinman, £2 9s. 0d. Sessions Book VI/215-216; and Draft Sessions Book XI/112.

Resolution that the accounts of Mr. Richard Pew and Mr. Henry Smith, for work done at the Court House, be referred to Mr. Smith, the county surveyor, for examination, and then paid. Sessions Book VI/216; and Draft Sessions Book XI/112.

Order that proceedings be forthwith taken against the several parish officers who have not paid their quota of the Liberty Rate, ordered to be raised at the last Easter Sessions. Sessions Book VI/216.

Order that the treasurer of the liberty pay the treasurer of the county, the sum of £18 16s. 1d., being the moiety of the expenses paid by the county for the repairs of High Bridge. Sessions Book VI/217; and Draft Sessions Book XI/112.

William Phillimore elected chairman of the Quarter Sessions in the place of John Finch Mason, who has resigned. Sessions Book VI/217.



Rules and regulations of a Benefit Society, to be held at the "Tom of Bedlam," in the parish of Redbourn, allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book VI/218.

### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1838.

"We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the Town of Watford, residing near to or adjoining the "Spread Eagle" Inn, in the said town, kept by Mr. John Wilson, wherein public music has been performed for the last twelve months, in pursuance of a licence granted for that purpose at the last Michaelmas quarter sessions for the liberty of St. Albans, do hereby certify that the same has not been of any annoyance or otherwise disagreeable to us, and we are desirous that the same should be continued." Dated 19 October, 1837. Licence granted as requested, Signatures follow. Sessions Roll CCXI/131. Sessions Book VI/221; and Draft Sessions Book XI/115.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXI/139.

Report of the Visiting Magistrates (*inter alia*) that Mr. Crawford, one of the inspectors of prisons, "visited" the gaol on the 10th of September last, and expressed himself satisfied that the present capabilities of the building did not admit of better arrangements than those now in force. A communication is to be expected from the Home Office upon his report. Sessions Book VI/221.

Report of the surgeon of the gaols of the liberty and borough, that he has visited the said gaols and that they are free from any contagious or infectious disorders. "The diseases that prevailed during the last year were continued, intermittent and some severe cases of typhus fever, inflammatory affections of the chest, etc., were prevalent. John Horn and Mary Hudson died since the last report." Sessions Book VI/222.

Resolution that the salary of the surgeon to the gaol and House of Correction be £40 per annum (being the amount which used to be received by him from the liberty and borough of St. Albans together) to commence from the time when the

borough ceased to pay its proportion. Sessions Book VI/222 ; and Draft Sessions Book XI/116.

Return by the Clerk of the Peace, under the Act 9 George IV. cap. 40, of all lunatics and dangerous idiots within the liberty. Sessions Book VI/223.

Appointment of visitors (under the Act 2 and 3 William IV, cap. 107), to the house of James Quilter Rumball, surgeon and apothecary at Oyster Hills, licensed for the reception of insane persons. Sessions Book VI/225.

Accounts (*inter alia*) for plumbers, carpenters, smiths and coopers' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/225.

Rules and regulations of two Friendly Societies to be held at the Hall, Chipping Barnet, and at the "Royal Oak," St. Albans, allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book VI/234.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1839.

Letter read from Messrs. Smith and Grover, solicitors to the Trustees of the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Road, to the Clerk of the Peace of the Liberty. This letter, dated at Hemel Hempstead, 27th Nov., 1838, states that the Trustees of the road had lately called upon the county to undertake the charge of keeping in repair three bridges on the same, two of them situate in the town of Watford, and the other near Hunton Bridge in the parish of Abbots Langley, and the road for three hundred feet at each end of such bridges.

The County Magistrates had refused to do this on the ground that the bridges were within the Liberty of St. Albans.

The Trustees had therefore directed their solicitors to lay the matter before the Clerk of the Peace for the Liberty, in order that the Liberty Magistrates might take such steps thereupon as they might deem necessary. The writers state, that the Trustees will henceforth decline to repair the three bridges and three hundred feet at each end thereof, and that a post will be put up at the extreme boundary of the three hundred feet at each end of such bridges, to show the space which the Trustees refuse to repair.

The Liberty Magistrates do not consider that the Liberty is liable to make such repairs. Sessions Roll CCXII/104-105; Sessions Book VI/240/241; and Draft Sessions Book XI/122.

Order that James Webb be paid the sum of £30 for bricklayers' work done by him at the Gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/241; Draft Sessions Book XI/121.

George Burgess, convicted of larceny, to be transported for the term of 10 years. Sessions Roll CCXII/17; Sessions Book VI/244.

Joseph Coleman, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for three months, and twice whipped during his imprisonment. Sessions Roll CCXII/18; Sessions Book VI/245.

Charles Cramphorn, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for three months and twice privately whipped during his imprisonment. Sessions Roll CCXII/20; Sessions Book VI/246.

Lists of Jurors. Sessions Roll CCXII/109-110.

Order that the Police be allowed £1 for their recent attendance at the gaol, to prevent the escape of some prisoners who had attempted to break out. Draft Sessions Book XI/124.

#### EASTER, 1839.

Letter from James Quilter Rumball, surgeon and apothecary, to the Clerk of the Peace:—"I beg to inform you that I shall require a renewal of my licence at the ensuing sessions; and in order to meet the wishes of the visiting magistrates, I beg to name John Cranmer Gordon, esq., surgeon, as my resident superintendent during the time of my licence. He has seen very considerable practice, and has more than once had charge of my patients, both before and since my coming to the Oyster Hills." Ordered that Rumball renew this application in a "formal manner," and, should he not himself intend to reside in the house to be licensed, to furnish testimonials as to the fitness of the proposed resident superintendent. Sessions Roll CCXIII/134-135; Sessions Book VI/252; and Draft Sessions Book XI/126.

The application is granted : the number of patients not to exceed ten "in which number no parish patients are to be included." Sessions Book VI/262 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/129.

Report of the visiting justices that (*inter alia*) there has been no dangerous illness amongst prisoners, but numerous cases of low fever and other affections which arise from debility of constitution and privation. They are "desirous of alleviating such cases ; and, considering that the prisoners in the House of Correction are allowed only bread and water, except those on the invalid list, (whose diet is entirely at the discretion of the Medical Officer), have thought it not inconsistent with their duty, to place under his care all the prisoners who have conducted themselves well and whose period of imprisonment is within a month of its termination ; in order that, under a meat diet three days in the week, their strength may be recruited and rendered efficient for working out an honest livelihood." Sessions Roll CCXIII/137 ; Sessions Book VI/252.

Edward Coleman, Joseph Baker and William Kitson, convicted of larceny, to be transported for the term of ten years. Sessions Roll CCXIII/110 ; Sessions Book VI/255.

Thomas Oakley convicted of larceny, to be transported for seven years. Sessions Roll CCXIII/115 ; Sessions Book VI/255.

Letter from the Home Office, dated 2nd February, 1839, to the chairman of the Liberty Sessions, informing him that the magistrates of the County of Salop, at the last general quarter sessions of the peace, held in and for that county, agreed to the following resolution :—

"That in consequence of the present inefficiency of the constabulary force, arising from the great increase of population and the extension of the trade and commerce of the country, it is the opinion of this court that a body of constables appointed by the magistrates paid out of the county rate, and disposable at any point of the shire where their services might be required, would be highly desirable as providing in



the most efficient manner for the prevention as well as detection of offences for the security of person and property and for the constant preservation of the public peace."

Resolved "that it is the opinion of this Court that the present constabulary force is quite insufficient for the security of persons and property, and that it is desirable to have such a body of trained constables as the magistrates may think adequate, appointed in their stead; such trained constables to be paid partly out of the Consolidated Fund and partly out of the Liberty Rate, to be selected, trained and organized, by the Police Commissioners, and changed at their discretion; but subject to the supervision and control of the magistrates and to dismissal by them." Sessions Book VI/258-259.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the necessary reparations, painting, colouring, etc., of the Court House, and to report the extent and cost of the same. Sessions Book VI/262-263; Draft Sessions Book XI/129.

Resolution that the same Committee enquire into the liability of this Liberty to repair St. Michaels Bridge. Sessions Book VI/263; Draft Sessions Book XI/129.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXIII/140-141.

### MIDSUMMER, 1839.

Report of the visiting justices that (*inter alia*):—Mr. Crawford, one of the inspectors of prisons "visited" a second time on the 16th of May. They refer to their last report relative to the health of the prisoners, and desire the Bench to consider the matter; with this view, they have requested Dr. Webster, the medical officer, to attend the adjourned sessions on the 13th instant.

The chief difficulties which have been experienced by them are, that the extensive admission of prisoners upon the medical list very materially increases the prison charges and virtually destroys the existent rules for the dietary, in a great measure taking the regulation of it out



of the hands of the visiting magistrates, and placing it at the discretion of the medical officer. Sessions Roll CCXIV/93-94; and Sessions Book IV/272.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXIV/95-96.

Accounts for (*inter alia*) bricklayers, plasterers, plumbers, stone-masons and smiths' work done at the gaol and House of Correction. Sessions Book VI/267.

Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the reparations, etc., necessary at the Court House.

They state that they have inspected the building throughout and regret to find that it requires a greater outlay than was anticipated. They also beg to state that they have invited tenders from certain tradesmen for the said repairs. The estimated expense of the repairs "embraced in our first class," is £482, and of the "second class" £98. Sessions Roll CCXIV/91; Sessions Book VI/275; Draft Sessions Book XI/134.

Resolved that the repairs estimated in the "first class," be carried out, with the exception of the roof over the large room; and that the works embraced in the other part be dispensed with for the present. Sessions Book VI/276.

The Court accepts the following tenders:—

	£	s.	d.
James Webb, bricklayer ...	142	12	10
Joseph Bennett, carpenter ...	89	19	6½
Henry Smith, painter ...	169	5	10

Tenders had also been submitted for painting, by John Walter Kent (£219) and George Perry (£228). Sessions Book VI/276; Draft Sessions Book XI/134.

#### MICHAELMAS, 1839.

Extract from a letter from "the Superintending President of the Twopenny Post Office" to Robert Sellwood, "letter receiver, East Barnet":—

"If you have been drawn to serve on a jury subsequent to your appointment as letter receiver, you are certainly exempt. You should, however, have written

to me when you had the notices to attend, and I should have sent you an extract of the Act that you might have claimed your exemption. All that I can now recommend you to do is to send the enclosed extract to the Sheriff, or to the officer who served you with the writ, and I have no doubt when the case is explained the fines will be remitted." Enclosing extract from the Act 1 Victoria, cap. 33, sec. 12 :—" And to the end that the Postmaster General and his officers may not be hindered in their respective employments, be it enacted that no Postmaster General, or any officer of the Post Office, shall be compelled to serve as a mayor or sheriff, or in any ecclesiastical or corporate, or parochial or other public office or employment, or to serve on any jury or inquest, or in the militia; any law or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding." Sessions Roll CCXV/121-123.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXV/130-131.

George Williams, Michael Norry, James Rainsdon and Frances Tomlin convicted of larceny, ordered to be transported for the term of seven years. Sessions Roll CCXV/111; Sessions Book VI/281.

Levi Green, Thomas Sears and George Sears, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned and to be each "once whipped." Sessions Roll CCXV/113; Sessions Book VI/281.

Report of the visiting magistrates. They beg to call the attention of the Court "to the inadequacy of the Prison for carrying into effect the views of government in regard to prison discipline, and the provisions of the 2nd and 3rd Vic. cap. 56, which are to commence and take effect from the 1st January, 1840."

Frances Tomlin was confined in the dark cell, in irons, for 24 hours on the 30th September, as a punishment for violent insubordination, and again underwent solitary confinement, without irons, for 24 hours on 7th October, and on the following day the said Frances Tomlin and Mary Weller having attempted to break out of prison, were separated

from the other females waiting trial and placed in the press yard for greater security until the sessions. Sessions Roll CCXV/128 ; Sessions Book VI/283.

Resolution on the above report, that the visiting magistrates be requested to enquire into, and report upon the sufficiency of the Gaol and House of Correction for carrying out the provisions of the Act passed in the last session of Parliament entitled "an Act for the better ordering of Prisons." Sessions Book VI/284 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/138.

Appointment of "visitors" to the house of James Quilter Rumball, licensed for the reception of lunatics, according to the Act 2 and 3 Will. IV., Cap. 107. Sessions Book VI/285.

Resolution that a Committee be appointed to confer with any committee that may be named on the part of the County of Hertford to reconsider the subject of a union between the two jurisdictions. The Committee to consist of the following magistrates :—The Earl of Verulam, Lord Grimston, John Finch Mason, esquire, Samuel Reynolds Solly, esquire, and George Robert Marten, esquire. Sessions Book VI/287 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/139.

Report by Richard Webster, surgeon, as follows :—"I have this day examined John Deayton and report him as suffering from chronic disease of some standing, which has so impaired his general health and physical powers, as to render him incapable of discharging his duties as gaoler." Sessions Roll CCXV/124 ; Sessions Book VI/288.

The Clerk of the Peace is directed to transmit a copy of the above report to the Marquis of Salisbury, requesting him to take the subject into immediate consideration. Sessions Book VI/288 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/139.

Resolution that the committee for the Court House be authorized to remove the gas pipes, burners, etc., from the room used for the Mechanics' Institute, unless shades are immediately placed over the lights to prevent injury to the building. Sessions Book VI/288 ; Draft Sessions Book XI/141.

Letter read from the Marquis of Salisbury to the magistrates, as to the appointment of a gaoler in the room of John Deayton the elder; the writer believes he "will best meet the wishes of the magistrates and the exigency of the case," by the appointing of Deayton's son. He desires that the Court may be informed of his readiness to enter into this arrangement, if the son of the present gaoler is likely to be able to fill the situation.

Resolution that John Deayton, son of the present gaoler, be recommended to his lordship as a fitting successor to his father. Sessions Roll CCXV/125-126; Sessions Book VI/291; Draft Sessions Book XI/143.

The amended rules of the Barnet Benevolent Union Society allowed and confirmed. Sessions Book VI/293.

Order that the Treasurer pay the following bills for repairs done at the Court House :—

	£	s.	d.
James Webb, bricklayer ...	142	12	10
Joseph Bennett, carpenter ...	89	19	6½
Henry Smith, painter ...	169	5	10
Thomas Earle, blacksmith ...	32	15	11½
Thomas Smith, architect ...	36	14	6
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Total ... ..	£471	8	8
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Sessions Book VI/295.

#### EPIPHANY SESSIONS, 1840.

Order to stop up about 605 yards of a public highway in the parish of Abbots Langley, called Maines Lane, leading from Leavesden Green in the parish of Watford into the turnpike road to Watford and London, between Hunton Bridge and Watford, and to make, in lieu thereof, a new road or cartway about 556 yards in length. The course of both the old and new cartways is minutely described, and both are stated to be within the property of the Earl of Essex. The new road would be used mostly to Lady Capel's Wharf and other wharves on the canal, and also



to Watford, and would be more commodious than the old, which was "very narrow, hilly, and otherwise inconvenient." Plan. Sessions Roll CCXVI/138, 139, 141; Sessions Book VI/296-299; and Draft Sessions Book XI/145.

List of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXVI/146-147.

Order to pay to Joseph Douglas, superintendent of police, the sum of twelve shillings, being the amount allowed at this session for the attendance of himself and three others of the Saint Albans' police, in preserving order in court during quarter sessions. Sessions Book VI/299.

Owing to the present prices of hay and oats (the average price of hay being £4 10s. per load and that of oats £1 4s. per quarter, at the market of St. Albans), the justices order that (until next sessions) an additional allowance of 2d. per mile for any waggon with four horses, and 1d. a mile for any cart with two horses, be paid by officers in command of regiments, demanding such "carriages," to the constables providing the same. Sessions Book VI/299.

The Clerk of the Peace reported that, in compliance with the magistrates' recommendation, the Marquis of Salisbury had appointed John Deayton, son of the late gaoler, to his father's office; the said John is also (by the court) appointed keeper of the House of Correction. His salary to be, as gaoler, £80 a year, and as keeper £55 13s. 4d. Sessions Book VI/306; and Draft Sessions Book XI/147.

The appointment of a matron at the gaol is suspended. Draft Sessions Book XI/147.

The following resolution of the magistrates for the county of Hertford was laid before the courts:—"Resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the magistrates for the Liberty of St. Alban, on the expediency of an union between the two jurisdictions, and that such committee consist of Lord Dacre, the Marquis of Salisbury, William Blake, esquire, William Franks, esquire, and Thomas Mills, esquire." Sessions Book VI/306.



A report by the Committee of the County Bench, to that bench, as to adopting the Rural Police Act, was considered. The Committee thought it important that the constabulary force of the county should be more effectual; that an establishment of a body of constables—limited in number by the magistrates according to their view of the exigency of the case, and disposable at any part of the shire where their services might be required—would be highly desirable; and that the cost of such a body should be paid in some proportion by the public, and in a greater proportion by the county; and they recommended that the chairman of quarter sessions for the county, in concert with the chairman of quarter sessions for St. Albans, be requested to communicate with the Secretary of State on the subject; and that in the meantime the answers received from the magistrates and clergy, in reply to the queries that had been sent round, be examined and classed.

This report was agreed to unanimously.

It appearing, from the correspondence between the chairman of the liberty and the Home Secretary, that the liberty is not within the provisions of the Rural Police Act; resolved that he co-operate with the chairman of the County Council in his communications with the Home Secretary, "in order that this liberty may be placed in a situation to adopt the said act, if the magistrates shall continue to think such adoption expedient." Sessions Book VI/306-308; and Draft Sessions Book XI/147.

Two sets of plans for alterations at the Gaol and House of Correction in conformity with the provisions of the recent Gaol Acts, prepared by Mr. Smith, the county surveyor, were laid before the court. Resolved that all operations in regard to these alterations be suspended until the committee, appointed to consider the expediency of uniting the county and liberty, shall make their report. Sessions Book VI/307; and Draft Sessions Book XI/147.

A return of the expenses of conveying prisoners, under sentence of transportation, from St. Albans to Woolwich: £4 10s. 0d.,

for removing George Williams, Michael Norry and James Rainsdon from St. Albans to Woolwich. Sessions Book VI/309.

#### EASTER SESSIONS, 1840.

Henry Carter, of Watford, labourer, convicted of felony (stealing five bushels of soot, value three shillings); ordered to be kept to hard labour for one fortnight, and to be once whipped. Sessions Roll CCXVII/155.

Lists delivered in of contributing members of the Watford Lodge of Freemasons (No. 580) held at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford; and of the St. Albans Lodge (No. 678) held at the Turf Hotel, St. Albans. Draft Sessions Book XI/150.

Appeal dismissed of James Vass, of St. Peter's, bricklayer, against the acquittal of Henry Barr, of St. Michael's, labourer, for having driven a horse and cart from off the Branch Road, St. Albans, over a close of land adjoining the said road, in the parish of St. Michael, called the Pightle, in the occupation of Stephen Smith, and thereby avoiding payment of the toll of 3d. due on passing Kingsbury toll gate. Barr had pleaded that he was the servant of Susannah Sanders, and that he was taking the cart to fetch certain wood bought by her of the said Stephen Smith, and cut from a close of woodland called Long Spring, which said close and also the Pightle were part of Kingsbury Farm; and that he drew off from the road, over the said close, in order to obtain the said wood by the authority of Stephen Smith, and that his journey was shortened by so doing. Sessions Roll CCXVII/186-7; and Sessions Book VI/314.

Owing to the present prices of hay and oats (the average price of hay being £4 10s. 0d. per load, and that of oats being £1 8s. 0d. per quarter, at the market at St. Albans) the justices order that (until the next sessions)

an additional allowance of 2d. per mile, for any waggou with four horses, and 1d. per mile, for any cart with two horses, be paid by officers, in command of regiments, demanding such carriages, to the constables providing the same. Sessions Book VI/328.

The report of Mr. Thomas Smith, of Hertford, surveyor, upon alterations rendered necessary at the Gaol and House of Correction, in compliance with the recent Acts of Parliament, was taken into consideration. Mr. Smith directed to make fresh plans agreeable to instructions; to be considered later. Sessions Book VI/334-5; and Draft Sessions Book XI/153-4.

Certificate that the new cartway, being part of the Main Lane, is completed. Sessions Roll CCXVII/188; and Sessions Book VI/317.

Application by the late gaoler of St. Albans to be placed on the superannuation list; he had served between thirty and forty years. Sessions Roll CCXVII/190; and Sessions Book VI/331.

Report of the visiting justices, of the Gaol and House of Correction, that everything is satisfactory. Sessions Roll CCXVII/191.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXVII/192, 193.

#### MIDSUMMER SESSIONS, 1840.

Report of the Committee for the examination of bills, and the transaction of Liberty business. They have passed all accounts, except a claim for the maintenance of prisoners in the county gaol for offences committed within the Liberty. Their audit of the above accounts is based upon the return made by the chairman at last Michaelmas sessions to the Home Secretary, in which the maintenance and clothing of each prisoner is set forth. Observations having been made upon the commitment by Liberty magistrates of prisoners for

offences not usually tried at sessions, for trial at the assizes, instead of commitments being made to the Quarter Sessions and, by that court, to the assizes, they state that such a course would be very inconvenient, and is not adopted by the county justices, and they cannot distinguish any difference between their legal power and that of the county magistrates. Sessions Roll CCXVIII/125.

Report of the visiting justices that the general health of the prisoners has been "unusually good." They recommend, for favourable consideration, the sister of the gaoler, who has effectually discharged the duties of a matron for more than three years without remuneration. There is no regular appointment to this office, nor any salary attached, but it has been usual to confer occasional gratuities for services rendered.

Having been long dissatisfied with the little profit arising from the picking of oakum under the present arrangement, the justices applied for information on the subject to the governor of Tothill Fields (prison), which he has accordingly furnished. Sessions Roll CCXVIII/126; and Sessions Book VI/346.

Resolved that a gratuity of £10 be given to Emma Deayton, for her attendance "up to this time" on the female prisoners. Sessions Book VI/347.

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Mr. Smith attended with the amended plans for alterations at the Gaol, and these were adopted. Sessions Book VI/349.

Correspondence (relative to the alterations at the Gaol) between the Home Secretary, the Clerk of the Peace for the Liberty, and Mr. William Crawford, government inspector of prisons (10th to 27th August, 1840). The Home Secretary complained that these alterations had been commenced before the plans had been submitted to him for approval. The Clerk of the Peace stated



that the recent Gaol Act had not been adopted by the Liberty magistrates; but that they were anxious to carry out in the Gaol "such improvements as their limited pecuniary means warranted"; and that, as delay would have arisen had plans been submitted to the Home Office in a formal manner, the architect was authorised to explain the suggested improvements to the government inspector, and obtain his approval, which it was understood was duly given. The Home Secretary subsequently saw the plans for the proposed alterations and "observed with regret" that the additions proposed were "on the principle of the association of prisoners," and that the magistrates were generally building, enlarging or amending the prisons "with a view to the introduction of separate confinement, or an approximation thereto." The magistrates for Hertfordshire had abandoned "day rooms," and introduced "individual separation with eminent success," and it was therefore regrettable that the Liberty magistrates should incur expense in building day rooms. The magistrates were therefore to reconsider the plans, with a view to adopting the principle of separation. The plan adopted by them did not include reception-cells, cleansing rooms, a bath, or disinfecting ovens, all which were required by the Gaol Act. The Home Secretary added that these had been included in the architect's original plan. The government inspector explained that he understood the architect's call as entirely unofficial and more with the object of discussing the plans.

Resolved that Mr. Smith, the architect, put himself into communication with the Prisons Inspector, "with a view to getting all the difficulties removed," and that the work on the Gaol be suspended. Sessions Book VI/354-358.

Resolved that consideration be had of the Rural Police Act, and the consequences likely to result from including



the Liberty under its provision as part of the county Sessions Book VI/360.

By a letter of 29th October, 1840, the Home Secretary approved of the plans for alterations at the Gaol and House of Correction, submitted to the Home Office by the Clerk of the Peace eight days previously. Resolved that the alterations be postponed until next Easter sessions, with the exception of the wall separating the churchyard from the Gaol garden, which is to be carried up to the height of the level of the former, in such manner that the same may be made available to the buildings in contemplation, "provided the present plans shall be ultimately carried into effect." Sessions Book VI/363.

#### MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 1840.

Order to divert, turn and stop up part of a public highway or carriage road leading from Nash Mills to Leverstock Green and Bedmont ; and also part of a public footway leading from Nash Mills abovesaid to the Hyde Farm and Bedmont ; both are in the parish of Abbots Langley. (Full details set out). Consent of Charles Statham, of Amersham, and Sarah, his wife, owners (in right of the said Sarah) of the property concerned in the above alterations, and certificate of completion. Plan. Sessions Roll CCXIX/213-228 ; and Sessions Book VI/364-367.

Report of Richard Webster, surgeon, that the Gaol and House of Correction have been in a more healthy state during the past year than on any former occasions ; no deaths had occurred. Sessions Roll CCXIX/219 ; and Sessions Book VI/378.

Report of (the Reverend William Mogg Bowen, D.D.,) chaplain of the Liberty Prison. Refers to "the very orderly and attentive behaviour of the prisoners under his care during their performance of Divine worship, and the strong impression on his mind that the moral condition

of many of them have been gradually improving.”  
Sessions Roll CCXIX/220 ; and Sessions Book VI/377.

Report of the visiting justices that the several offices of the prison have been discharged with regularity and efficiency, and the general health of the prisoners has been good, and their conduct orderly. With regard to the enlargement and improvement of the building, so as to meet the statutory requirements now in force, they refer the Court “to the proceedings of repairs” on 11th July, 8th August, 5th and 19th September, and 3rd October. Sessions Roll CCXIX/221 ; and Sessions Book VI/377.

Lists of jurors. Sessions Roll CCXIX/222, 223.

Application rejected by the constables of places within the Liberty, for an alteration in the scale of fees allowed them for attending inquests. Sessions Book VI/382.

Report (signed by the chairman of the bench) made pursuant to the Gaol Act. Sessions Book VI/383-384.

Resolved that Mr. Blagg (the Town Clerk) be authorised to allow a “music orchestra” in the large room at the Court House ; the Liberty to be at no expense as to this. Sessions Book VI/384.



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